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Election showdown

Sen. Barack Obama, right, and the other presidential hopefuls are gearing for what's bring billed as Super Tuesday. **7A**

U.S. troops kill nine Iraqis

The U.S. military said today that it killed nine Iraqi civilians during an operation targeting al-Qaida in Iraq - the deadliest known case of mistaken identity in recent months. **5A**

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Valley Weekend

Area residents kept busy doing all sorts of things during the past weekend. And our roving photographer captured some of them in action. **3A and 8A**

Miss a story?

Miss a big story last week? Fear not. Check out the Valley Review, a regular Monday feature of *The Valley Independent*. **3A**

SPORTS TODAY

McCauley shines

Yough High School graduate Ben McCauley celebrated the game-winning basket as time expired Sunday to lead North Carolina State past visiting Wake Forest, 67-65. McCauley finished with 11 points and three rebounds for the Wolfpack (14-7, 3-4 Atlantic Coast Conference). **2B**

DEATHS

- Shirley Anstandig, of Beachwood, Ohio, formerly of Donora
- Augustine M. Behrendt, 91, of The Villages, Fla., formerly of Monessen
- Robert Guiser Sr., 86, of Newell
- Gary G. Leone, 81, of Donora
- Francis T. Post, 61, of Monessen
- Dolores L. Tucutich, 77, of Rostraver Township
- Mary Ann Zajac, 90, formerly of Allenport

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Natural gas found here

A huge untapped reservoir of natural gas has been discovered under parts of four states, including southwestern Pennsylvania.

By GENARO C. ARMAS
Associated Press Writer

STATE COLLEGE — More than a mile beneath an area of Appalachia covering parts of four states lies a mostly untapped reservoir of natural gas that could swell U.S. reserves.

Geologists and energy companies have known for decades about the gas in the Marcellus Shale, but only recently have figured out a possible — though expensive — way to extract it from the thick black rock about 6,000 feet underground.

Like prospectors mining for gold, energy executives must decide whether the prize is worth the huge investment.

"This is a very real prospect, very real," said Stephen Rhoads, president of the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Association. "This could be a very significant year for this."

The shale holding the best prospects covers an area of 54,000 square miles, from upstate New York, across Pennsylvania into eastern Ohio and across most of West Virginia — a total area bigger than the state of Pennsylvania.

It could contain as much as 50 trillion cubic feet of recoverable natural gas, according to a recent study by researchers at Penn State University and the State University of New York at Fredonia.

The U.S. produces about 19 trillion cubic feet of gas a year, so the Marcellus field would be a boon if new drilling technology works, Penn State geoscientist Terry Engelder said.

"The value of this science could increment the net worth of U.S. energy resources by a trillion dollars, plus or minus billions," he said.

The average consumer price for natural gas in the United States is forecast to rise 78 percent between the

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Eli Manning

Another Manning Super in victory

The youngest son of a great quarterback and the baby brother of an even better one came into his own Sunday.

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Columnist

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Move over, Peyton. Make room in the Manning family trophy case, Archie.

Baby boy Eli is coming home with hardware all his own — a Super Bowl ring and an MVP trophy to place alongside the ones his big brother brought back only a year ago.

"I never thought about them even playing college ball, much less pro football, much less winning Super Bowls or MVPs," Archie Manning said. "It wasn't in the plan. We tried to raise kids just like other parents raised their kids. I can't explain it."

The youngest son of a great quarterback and the baby brother of an even better one came into his own Sunday night in the desert, proving cooler than the falling temperatures by leading the Giants 83 yards on a final scoring drive to stun the Patriots 17-14 and cap one of the greatest upsets in sports.

"That's a position you want to be in. You want to have the ball in your hands ... down, where you've got to score a touchdown," Manning said after accepting the MVP trophy from Terry Bradshaw, a pretty fair quarterback himself in his days with the Steelers.

"I talked about it before with Peyton," Manning added a few moments later. "You want to be down four (points), where you have to score a touchdown. Because if you're down three, maybe we settle for the field goal."

Just a few weeks after fans and the media wanted to run Manning out of town, the kid will be crowned the king of New York. His stats won't bowl over people back in the Big Apple — 19-of-34 for 255

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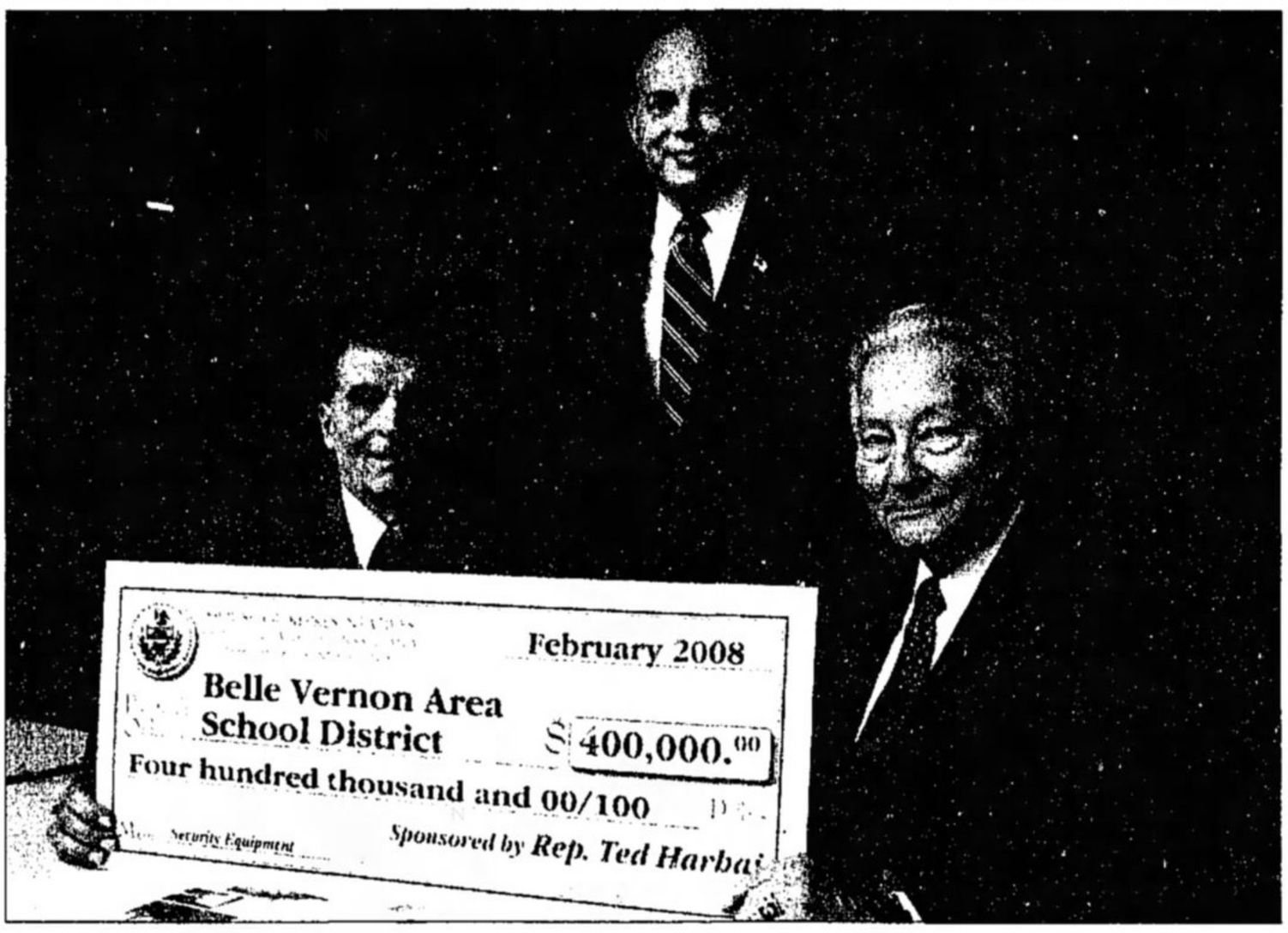

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State Rep. R. Ted Harhai, center, presented a $400,000 grant check to the Belle Vernon Area School District Friday. North Belle Vernon Borough Mayor Ed Lyons, right, and district superintendent Robert Nagy, left, worked with Harhai to get the money, which will be used to install security systems at Bellmar Middle and Marion Elementary schools.

BVA gets $400,000 state grant

Most of the money will be used to install a security camera system at Bellmar Middle School.

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP - As a public official, North Belle Vernon Mayor Ed Lyons has frequently turned to State Rep. R. Ted Harhai in search of grant money for his community.

Lyons said Harhai, a Monessen Democrat, recently "went to bat" for the Mid-Mon Valley again in securing a $400,000 grant for the Belle Vernon Area School District.

"It becomes rather obvious that his status in the House pays big dividends for the people he represents," Lyons said.

The money came from the state Department of Community and Economic Development.

It will be used to install a security camera system at Bellmar Middle School - the only of five schools in the district currently without it.

The camera system, which will cost about $225,000, will be installed at the school entrances, in the hallways and outside the building.

A magnetic door locking system and intercoms will also be installed at Bellmar and at Marion Elementary schools. Metal detectors will also be put in at Marion.

Both schools are located next to each other at the district's Washington Township campus.

The search for money to support the school district began last year in reaction to the state's slots legislation.

The school board has opposed the legislation because it would greatly change the district's tax structure and diminish the board's control over taxing.

Belle Vernon Area's tax structure is unique. For years, its five municipalities located in two counties were taxed separately according to a combination of county assessment and each municipality's share of the district's total market value.

Although the school district has not had a substantial tax increase since the 2003-04 school year, Act 1 mandated that the communities be grouped by county.

The change altered the tax structure and limited the amount of taxes that could be raised, if needed.

Harhai said Belle Vernon Area would lose about $880,000 this year only because of the shift.

When news spread about the hit to the district last year, Lyons sought help from Harhai.

The mayor hoped to help his com-

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Support rises in state for using nuclear power

Poll shows Pennsylvanians are willing to pay more for renewable energy sources to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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Most Pennsylvanians say there is solid evidence that the average global temperature is rising, but differ on whether the causes are natural or man-made, according to a statewide survey released today.

More than half of the 581 people surveyed by Muhlenberg College's Institute of Public Opinion supported the use of nuclear power to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and said they'd pay more each year to increase the production of renewable energy sources, but strongly opposed raising the gasoline tax.

"It's obvious the issue of climate change and global warming has risen in prominence in the United States over the past few years," said Christopher Borick, professor of political science at the Allentown college and director of the institute. "We wanted to test the attitudes of residents at the state level ... especially in industrial states like Pennsylvania."

Borick designed the survey with Barry Rabe, a professor of public policy at the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy.

Almost three-quarters of people surveyed said there is solid evidence that global warming has increased in the past four decades. The poll asked residents what effect five factors - melting glaciers, high local temperatures, computer models, the strength of Hurricane Katrina, and former Vice President Al Gore's film "An Inconvenient Truth" - had on their views. Most pointed to melting glaciers and higher local temperatures, followed by computer models showing rising temperatures. Hurricane Katrina and "An Inconvenient Truth" had the least effect.

"The seasons haven't been the seasons as we once knew them," Cindy Higgins, 47, of Mt. Lebanon said last week when the Pittsburgh *Tribune-Review* asked about her views of global warming. She said she believes higher local temperatures are among the evidence of global warming, noting, "It's going to be 60 degrees next week."

Her husband, Pat Higgins, 48, said he'd be willing to pay $100 each year to support the development of alternative sources of energy, but wouldn't support increasing gas taxes.

"Why should there be a higher tax on gas?" he said. "When the oil companies are making billions of dollars, something's wrong."

Forty-three percent of people surveyed said global warming is caused by human activity, 21 percent said it's natural patterns in Earth's

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Manning (FROM PAGE ONE)

yards, two touchdowns and an interception — but the way he performed on that fateful final drive certainly will.

"I can't be happy for anybody else. This is a guy who took all that criticism," Giants linebacker Antonio Pierce said. "Well, you can't criticize the MVP. ... Making all those plays with his feet; it was a beautiful thing to watch."

Earlier in the week, Manning joked about being forced to play "permanent center," while middle brother Peyton was the quarterback and older brother Cooper played receiver in all those backyard games at the Manning home in New Orleans.

"I guess this means I've stepped up," Eli said. "Maybe I can be a receiver now."

"Better than that," Peyton said outside the Giants' locker room. "I guess I'll have to let him throw a few now."

Considering how Eli performed on the final drive, he just might demand the lion's share. Starting from his own 17 with 2:39 left, Manning hooked up twice with Amani Toomer, the second leaving the Giants facing a fourth-and-inches. After Brandon Jacobs plowed his way to a first down up the middle, Manning showed some surprising footwork by escaping the New England rush and scrambling for five yards. Turns out that was just the prelude.

One play later, the Patriots threw another kitchen-sink blitz at Manning. Linebacker Adalius Thomas had his shirt and tried to throw Manning to the ground. Instead, he ducked down and used the momentum to spin away, then set his feet and fired a high strike 32 yards down the field. Receiver David Tyree made a spectacular grab on the ball, pinning it against his helmet as he fell to the ground with New England safety Rodney Harrison draped across his shoulders.

"You try to get small sometimes and see if you can squeak through," the 6-foot-4 Manning said with typical understatement. "You just try find a hole to squeeze through and make a throw."

By comparison, the deciding touchdown throw to Plaxico Burress was routine. After finding Steve Smith on the sideline for 12 yards and another first down, Manning found Burress on a fade route in the left corner of the end zone and lofted a floater as the New York sideline exploded in celebration.

"He's always being compared to somebody, whether it's his dad or his brother or Phil Simms," said Giants center Shaun O'Hara, recalling Simms' 22-of-25 performance in the 1987 Super Bowl.

This one wasn't about precision, but grit.

"Tonight," O'Hara said, "I think Eli built himself a platform for others to be compared to him."

But Manning didn't seem interested in any comparisons because he'd already impressed the one guy he most wanted to.

"I guess we almost wore my dad out," Manning said. "He kept saying, 'Do you have to make things tough, everything in the last minute, just to keep it entertaining?'"

A wide smile creased the kids' lips.

"Well," Eli said, "that was entertaining all right."

Yesteryear

Here are the girls in the second grade class at Washington School in Monessen in 1942. In the front row, from left, are Roseann Kulenic, Helen Marinkovich, Donna Sutton, Mary Carlson, Lois Reed, Madeline Ciarrocci and Marie Denitti; second row, Elaine Kunder, Eleanor Dolinsky, Carol Zoretich, Harrietta McGraw, Virginia D'Antonio, Sylvia DeRose, Betty Metzger and Sylvia Nestor.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High 62 Low 48	High 48 Low 25	High 42 Low 25	High 38 Low 22	High 38 Low 20

Gas field (FROM PAGE ONE)

2001-2 and 2007-8 winter heating seasons, which last from October to March. Prices will go from $7.45 to $13.32 per thousand cubic feet this season, according to the federal Energy Information Administration.

That translates into higher bills for gas customers to heat their homes, with the average season bill nearly doubling during the same period from $465 to $884.

In Pennsylvania, most of the prime shale real estate extends from the north-central to the southwestern part of the state — intriguing news for gas companies scouring for new prospects in a time of rising energy prices.

Statewide, the number of permits issued by the Department of Environmental Protection to drill new natural gas wells has increased about 25 percent to about 4,800 since 2005, the oldest year for which figures were available. Industry experts attribute much of that growth to interest in the shale.

One of the main players in Pennsylvania, Range Resources Corp. of Fort Worth, Texas, has roughly 4,700 wells statewide — though it's the results from five new horizontal wells in southwestern Pennsylvania that have company executives especially hopeful.

The company, in a December financial report, estimated that two horizontal wells are producing roughly 4.6 million cubic feet of gas per day. Tests on an additional three recently completed horizontal wells showed potential for a total of 12.7 million cubic feet of gas per day. Industry experts call those results promising.

"We're extremely encouraged. We see many viable parts of the Marcellus that will be commercial," said Range Senior Vice President Rodney Waller.

Yet he cautioned it was still too early to determine how successful the venture could be because of limited data.

"We're just so in the early stages, you just don't know how broad this is," he said.

The upfront money may give some pause to prospectors. A typical well that drills straight down to a depth of about 2,000 to 3,000 feet costs roughly $800,000.

But in the Marcellus Shale, Range and other companies hope a different kind of drilling might yield better results — one in which a well is dug straight down to depths of about 6,000 feet or more, before making a right angle to drill horizontally into the shale. That kind of well could cost a company $3 million to build, not counting the cost of leasing the land, Engelder said.

So the multimillion-dollar question is whether that technology can consistently release the gas from the layer of rock hundreds of millions of years old.

Companies began enjoying success with horizontal drilling technology a decade ago in the Barnett Shale, a 5,000-square-mile field in Texas which has produced about 1.2 billion cubic feet of natural gas a day. Forecasts have called for production there to reach 1.7 billion cubic feet, crucial growth considering the United States produces about 85 percent of its gas supply.

Success in the Barnett emboldened companies to foray into other parts of the country to uncork potentially new reserves, including the much larger Marcellus Shale.

Scientists had long thought the Marcellus served as a source perhaps for shallower wells dug by conventional drills. Previous attempts to extract gas conventionally from the Marcellus haven't led to much success.

According to Engelder, a series of seams, or fractures, in the rock could hold the key. If mapped, these fractures look like a matrix or grid of a city with nearly perfectly laid out square blocks.

Drilling horizontally into this matrix could help give the gas an outlet to escape, said Engelder, a principal owner in Appalachian Fracturing Systems Inc., a consulting firm to gas companies.

Companies like Range also use a technique in which water pressure is used to create new openings in the dense matrix to allow the gas to flow into the newly drilled horizontal well.

How much gas can be retrieved is still very unclear, and other questions remain.

David Masur, executive director of PennEnvironment, said the potential reservoir of the Marcellus may only boost reserves by 750 days, based on current U.S. consumption.

"It's just a short-term fix ... It's not really fixing the problem," Masur said. His group advocates more research into and use of cleaner, renewable energy resources.

BVA grant (FROM PAGE ONE)

munity first, but when he found out that would not be possible, Lyons focused on helping the school district.

Harhai called Lyons the driving force behind the project.

"I had an idea, but he kind of honed in on the idea for me," Harhai said. "He got a meeting set up with the school board, (BVA superintendent) Bob Nagy and the administration."

Lyons, Nagy and Belle Vernon Area business manager Eileen Navish worked with Harhai since November to apply for the grant and inform the local communities about the project.

Harhai said he had loftier goals but was happy to settle for $400,000.

"I actually put in an initial appropriation for $1 million," he said. "It was a give and take. Bargaining, I guess is the term.

"When I brought back the figure to the parties involved, they were elated. It was fantastic. It wasn't exactly what we wanted, but we're not going to throw it out the door."

The state representative said he was pleased to land a sizeable grant in a tight budget year.

"I think that it is amazing that we were able to get that size of a grant in these times," he said. "This was a timely issue. I think they hit the nail on the head. The bottom line in the school district is the children and in this day and age need what they are requesting. I think it's a great use of the money."

Harhai presented the grant check to Lyons and Nagy Friday at Bellmar Middle School.

Lyons said he was pleased to see that the children in his school district will be safer.

"At the time, I was worried about North Belle Vernon," he said of when he first contacted Harhai. "But, I'm a guy that doesn't believe in boundaries."

Lyons said when he heard last week that the grant was approved, he felt "super excellent."

"I was very happy to hear it," Lyons said. "This is a direct benefit to the people in this area."

Harhai commended Lyons and Nagy for their devotion to the cause.

"It was a good team effort," the veteran legislator said. "That's what I like to see."

Poll (FROM PAGE ONE)

environment, 27 percent said it's a combination of the two and 10 percent weren't sure.

"Global warming is definitely happening," Bruce Bennett, 23, of Greensburg told the Trib. "Whether it's a natural part of Earth's cycle, I don't know, but you can't argue with scientific charts."

Danny Kespelher of New Bethlehem in Clarion County said he is among those who do not believe the Earth has been getting considerably warmer and doesn't think there is evidence that pollution causes global warming.

"It's not happening," said Kespelher, 55. "If you think back in the '40s and '50s when Pittsburgh was the smoky city and now it's not, why wasn't it warmer then? It's a political thing to make a lot of money and waste our time."

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Valley briefs

Charleroi woman jailed for drugs

A Charleroi woman was arrested on various drug-related charges after her home was raided by police Friday.

Patti Bahl, 33, of 305 Shady Ave., was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, possession of a small amount of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

She was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Larry Hopkins in Charleroi and remanded to the Washington County Jail in lieu of $100,000 straight cash bond.

Bahl was arrested after a search warrant was served at her home by Charleroi police along with Pennsylvania State Police Troop B Vice Unit.

During the search, which followed a one-month investigation, police seized approximately 10 grams of crack cocaine, a small amount of marijuana, 12 white pills of suspected valium, $1,500 cash and numerous drug paraphernalia.

Ex-councilwoman due sentencing

Former Pittsburgh City Councilwoman Twanda Carlisle was expected in court today to be sentenced on corruption and ethics charges.

Carlisle resigned Nov. 13, after pleading no contest to the charges.

Carlisle was accused of conspiring to pay three friends city money for meaningless consulting work, only to have them kick back $43,000 to her.

Suspected car robber crashes

A suspected car robber was in a Pittsburgh hospital today after hitting a city police cruiser head-on while attempting to escape suburban troopers.

The 19-year-old suspect is in serious condition after the crash early this morning.

The Pittsburgh police officer was treated and released.

Police say the chase began in Pittsburgh's suburbs, when police spotted the stolen car and attempted to pull the driver over.

Police say the driver fled, leading Brentwood police into the city, where a local officer prepared to join the pursuit.

Instead, the suspect crashed into the Pittsburgh police cruiser, bringing an immediate halt to the chase.

Cop funds target illegal gambling

Pittsburgh and Allegheny County police will step up their fight against illegal gambling using $500,000 awarded by the state for that purpose.

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board gave the police and the district attorney $500,000 in grants to try to eliminate the illegal gambling machines often found in restaurants and bars.

The stepped up effort is meant to cut out the illegal competition for the state's legal casinos. The state put together a $5 million grant program to try to shutdown the illegal machines.

Pittsburgh's casino is expected to open in May 2009.

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Ricky Fanala, left, and his father, George Fanala, move a hutch from a truck to their second-hand store, Touch of Elegance, in Charleroi. They were among many Mid-Mon Valley residents who were out and about during the past weekend. For more images from the weekend, see Page 8A.

Prosecutors continue to build case against Dr. Cyril Wecht

Second week of testimony in the former coroner's public corruption trial was scheduled to get under way today.

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Dr. Cyril H. Wecht's trial on charges of public corruption starts its second week today, with federal prosecutors planning to present more evidence to support their claim that the former Allegheny County coroner used his office for private gain.

Last week's testimony focused mostly on what prosecutors contend was the widespread use of deputy coroners to perform personal errands for Wecht while on county time. Some of the 11 witnesses who have testified so far also touched on other elements of the government's case, including allegations that Wecht used unclaimed bodies from the county morgue to get private laboratory space at Carlow University.

The government contends the deal with Carlow is part of an overall scheme in which Wecht used public resources to benefit himself or his private pathology business. Wecht's lawyers counter their client was within his legal authority as coroner to use unclaimed bodies for educational purposes.

Much of the testimony during the first four days concerned "Wecht Details," as the personal errands were known.

Several employees testified they were ordered to perform errands such as taking Wecht and his family to and from the airport, Downtown theaters and restaurants, as well as buy tennis balls and do campaign work for Wecht's son, David, now an Allegheny County judge.

At least two coroner's office employees quit over the personal errands, according to testimony.

"I felt I had a lot more to offer than being a courier service, a chauffeur," former deputy coroner Jessica Pikutis testified.

Other employees testified that they performed "Wecht Details" but said they weren't offended by the tasks. Several employees said Wecht paid them for tasks they performed outside their job duties.

All of the witnesses said the personal errands were rarely, if ever, directly assigned by Wecht, 76, of Squirrel Hill. He is charged with 41 counts of fraud and theft.

Observers believe the trial could last as long as 10 weeks.

DeWeese drops newspaper lawsuit

House majority leader decides to withdraw legal action against *The Herald-Standard.*

By The Associated Press

UNIONTOWN — House Majority Leader Bill DeWeese dropped a libel lawsuit against a newspaper over commentaries and caricatures concerning a $12.5 million fund he controls.

The Herald-Standard of Uniontown accused DeWeese of breaking a promise to account for how he spends the taxpayer-funded leadership account.

DeWeese, D-Greene, maintained that he promised the newspaper's editorial board only to lobby for changes in the law that would require the records to be released.

According to the settlement, DeWeese will be given space in the newspaper to write a column about the purpose of the lawsuit, and his legislative and reform efforts, including those relating to open records laws.

Herald-Standard Publisher Val J. Laub said he was pleased the suit was dropped.

"It was always about open records, and I now believe DeWeese and the press are on the same page going forward to improve taxpayer access to what we define as public records," Laub said.

In his commentary in Sunday's paper, DeWeese indicated his support of recommended improvements to the open records law.

Valley review

A look at the week that was in the Valley

Here's a look at the top news happenings of the past week in the Mid-Mon valley:

Beltway advanced - The Federal Highway Administration will be asked in early March to approve the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's plan to build a key section of the Southwestern Beltway.

But that plan might have been derailed if the Southwestern Planning Commission board of directors had not voted Monday to place the beltway section connecting Interstate 79 to Route 22 on its transportation improvement plan.

By federal law, a metropolitan planning organization – such as SPC – must agree to include a highway construction project on a transportation improvement plan for it to be eligible for federal funding.

The vote is a necessary step for the turnpike commission to ultimately seek a federal record of decision, which would permit construction of the highway.

It also permits the turnpike commission to use state or federal funding to build the estimated $659 million project.

In a letter to the SPC, the turnpike commission's chief engineer, Frank Kempf, outlined the proposed funding plan for the beltway section.

The turnpike commission has dedicated $76 million to date with $5 million additional in federal earmarks.

The bulk of the $578 million would come from bonds totaling between $45 million and $50 million a year over 230 years.

Natale held for trial – Joseph John Natale told police an argument over drug money with his girlfriend spun out of control and left her dead in a Dumpster outside his apartment in Charleroi.

Natale's confession to state police was enough evidence for Magisterial District Judge David Mark to order him to stand trial on charges of criminal homicide, aggravated assault and abuse of a corpse for the Jan. 5 slaying of Amanda Lynn Faux, formerly of West Mifflin and Clairton.

Natale, 28, of 213 Fifth St., Apt. 3G, appeared Wednesday in Washington County Central Court, where he was ordered held for trial following a preliminary hearing.

Two days after the argument with Natale, Faux's nude body was discovered with a bag over her head and an electrical cord from a lamp tied around her neck.

Plug pulled on CUTV - Comcast recently stopped broadcasting CUTV - a move that J.R. Wheeler assistant dean of students services/media at California University of Pennsylvania, said "came out of nowhere."

Wheeler said Friday that Comcast sent a letter to the university seeking to make the CUTV a leased-access channel. Comcast was seeking $2,300 per week in fees, or close to $120,000 annually, for carrying CUTV programming on its basic cable service.

Wheeler said CUTV does not make a profit. In fact, he said, the station's annual budget is $60,000 plus professional staff salaries.

Wheeler estimated that the move by Comcast effectively cut about 20 percent of CUTV's audience. CUTV is also broadcast on Atlantic Broadband and Armstrong cable, the later the host cable company for California borough.

"We previously had a leased-access agreement with the university that expired," said Comcast spokesman Bob Grove. "The university is in discussions with us about the possibility of continuing the programs on the systems."

Wheeler, however, said the only agreement the university previously had with Comcast was for the cable company to provide a channel on the dial at no cost.

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DEATH NOTICES

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GUISER — Robert Guiser Sr., 86, of Newell, on Saturday, Feb. 2. Eley/McCrory Funeral Home Inc., Fayette City.*

LEONE — Gary G. Leone, 81, of Donora, on Friday, Feb. 1. Anthony L Massafra Funeral Home, Donora.*

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PREVIOUS DEATHS:
OVERLY, Mary*
*** See death notice**

Augustine M. Behrendt
The Villages, Fla.
Formerly of Monessen

Augustine M. "Augie" Moreau Behrendt, 91, formerly of Monessen, died January 31, 2008. Mrs. Behrendt was born February 29, 1916, in Monessen and moved to The Villages, Fla., from Sterling, Ill., in 2004. She was an elementary school teacher and principal in Monessen and was a world traveler who loved reading and crossword puzzles. She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Louisa Moreau; her husband, Herman Carl Behrendt; and her brothers, Eugene Moreau and Gustave Moreau. Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Richard L. and Janice K. Behrendt, of The Villages, Fla.; a daughter, Louise Ann Kelly, of St. Clair Shores, Mich.; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She will be interred in Belle Vernon Cemetery with arrangements made by FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY INC., Belle Vernon. A memorial service will be held in the spring in the First Baptist Church of Manlius in Wyanet, Ill.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Shirley Anstandig
Beachwood, Ohio
Formerly of Donora

Services were held Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008, in the PAUL MACIK FUNERAL HOME, 546 Thompson Ave., Donora, for Shirley Anstandig, 85, of Beachwood, Ohio, formerly of Donora. The theme of her life was elegance. She nurtured her family and friends with grace and refinement. After graduating at the top of her class at Schenley High School in Pittsburgh, she served as secretary at Beth Shalom Congregation. In 1942, she married Myer Anstandig, of Donora. Over their 62 years together, they had three children: Karen Fox, Marcia Silberman and Dr. Jack Anstandig. Shirley also was a cherished grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of three. Many were endeared to Shirley through her voluntary community service. While living in Donora, she served as president of B'nai Brith Women, and she remained an active community volunteer throughout her life. Shirley will be remembered for her graceful appearance, encouraging phrases, and love of music. Memorial donations may be made to: Montefiore Foundation's Resident Activities Fund, 1 D. Myers Parkway, Beachwood, Ohio 44122. Bei Mir Bist Du Schon, Shirley. We love you.Shirley Anstandig Beachwood, Ohio Formerly of Donora Services were held Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008, in the PAUL MACIK FUNERAL HOME, 546 Thompson Ave., Donora, for Shirley Anstandig, 85, of Beachwood, Ohio, formerly of Donora. The theme of her life was elegance. She nurtured her family and friends with grace and refinement. After graduating at the top of her class at Shenley High School in Pittsburgh, she served as secretary at Beth Shalom Congregation. In 1942, she married Myer Anstandig, of Donora. Over their 62 years together, they had three children: Karen Fox, Marcia Silberman and Dr. Jack Anstandig. Shirley also was a cherished grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of three. Many were endeared to Shirley through her voluntary community service. While living in Donora, she served as president of B'nai Brith Women, and she remained an active community volunteer throughout her life. Shirley will be remembered for her graceful appearance, encouraging phrases, and love of music. Memorial donations may be made to: Montefiore Foundation's Resident Activities Fund, 1 D. Myers Parkway, Beachwood, Ohio 44122. Bei Mir Bist Du Schon, Shirley. We love you.

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Robert Guiser Sr.
Newell

Robert "Bob" Guiser Sr., 86, of Newell, went home to be with his Holy Father and loving wife in Heaven on Saturday, February 2, 2008. He was born August 5, 1921, in Coal Center, a son of the late Robert and Marjorie Miller Guiser. He was a proud veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Army's 1st Infantry Division. He saw action in North Africa, Sicily, at Omaha Beach in Normandy, and the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts during his service. Upon his return to the United States, he immediately took a job at Allied Chemical Plant in Newell, where he would retire with 30-plus years of service. Surviving are two sons, Robert Guiser Jr. and wife, Bernadette, and Eric Guiser and wife, Susan, all of Newell; two daughters, Marjorie Steiner and husband, Lynn, of Newell, and Diane Todaro and husband, the Rev. Frank Todaro, of West Newton; 14 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his adoring wife, Margaret Ann Brashear Guiser; and sister, Delores Guiser Shallenberger. Friends will be received in the ELEY-McCRORY FUNERAL HOME INC., 334 Main St., Fayette City, on Monday and Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 6, until 12:30 p.m., at which time a blessing service will be held in the funeral home. A Funeral Mass will be held at 1 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, Perryopolis, with the Rev. Bob Lubic as celebrant. Interment will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Coal Center. www.eleymccrory-funeralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Gary G. Leone
Donora

Gary G. Leone, 81, of Donora, passed away Friday, February 1, 2008, in Monongahela Valley Hospital, Carroll Township. Mr. Leone was born in McKeesport on December 21, 1926, the son of the late Guerry and Daisy Pulgino Leone. He was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Donora and a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Joyce Cherry Leone; four children, Gary Leone Jr. and wife, Debrah, and Beth Robson, all of Donora, Marylynne Hudak and husband, Timothy, and Jeananne Smith and husband, Paul, all of Perryopolis; six grandchildren, Danielle Leone, Ashley Hudak, Kristen Robson, Heather Leone, Travis Smith and Timothy Hudak Jr. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, February 5, in St. Philip Neri Church of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Donora at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Michael Yaksick as celebrant. Family and friends are asked to gather at the church from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second Street Extension, Donora (724-379-6900).

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary Overly
Jeannette

Mary Overly, 37, of Jeannette, died Thursday, January 31, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. She was born September 28, 1970, a daughter of Ronald and Judith Valerio, of Donora. In addition to her parents, she is survived by four children, Dyana Yedlick, of Jeannette, Amanda, Michael and Hannah Overly, of Scottdale; and a brother, Christopher Valerio, of Monessen. Friends will be received Tuesday at the JOSEPH F. OTT FUNERAL HOME INC., 504 Oak St., Irwin (724-863-8900) from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at which time a funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Francis T. Post
Monessen

Francis Thomas "Tom" Post, 61, of Monessen, died Sunday, February 3, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. He was born July 7, 1946, in North Charleroi, a son of Francis H. and Caroline Mandarino Post, who survive. He was Catholic by faith and a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserve from 1965 to 1971. Mr. Post enjoyed camping and doing auto repair work. He was an employee of Matt Canestrale Construction Co. as a mechanic. Surviving is his wife, Helen Bridge Post; two sons, Tom Post and Danielle, of Charleroi, and Scott Post and Erin, of Monessen; a grandson, Jacob Post; a sister and two brothers, Patricia Vegso and husband, Dennis, Kevin Post and wife, Toni, and Timothy Post, all of Monessen; three sisters-in-law, Lorraine (Frank) Maiolini, of Monessen, Jean (John Sr.) Robinson, of Penn Hills, and Peg (Ted) Cheloc, of Cleveland, Ohio; four brothers-in-law, Joe (Mary Gene) Bridge, of Belle Vernon, Jack (Rose Ann) Bridge, of Monessen, Donald (Barbara) Bridge and Bob (Marge) Bridge, all of Belle Vernon; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death was his sister, Carol Lynn Post; his grandparents, Frank and Lena Ferraro Mandarino and William Post; two brothers-in-law, John Robinson Sr. and Ted Cheloc; and one sister-in-law, Patti Bryner. Friends will be received at the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., 1209 Grand Blvd., Monessen, a Golden Rule Funeral Home, from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Services will be held in the funeral home chapel on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m. with the Rev. David Nazimek officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Dolores L. Tucutich
Rostraver Township

Dolores L. Varosky Saxon Tucutich, 77, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), died Sunday, February 3, 2008, at 2 p.m. in Mon Valley Hospital, Carroll Township. Born October 1, 1930, in Donora, she was the daughter of the late John and Mildred Zielinski Varosky. A resident of Belle Vernon for the past seven years, Mrs. Tucutich was a member of St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church in Belle Vernon, an active member of the Legion of Mary, member of Mary's Ministry of Care at St. Sebastian Church and Our Lady of the Valley Church, Donora Christian Mothers. She also was a retired case worker for the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare. She is survived by her husband, James Tucutich, to whom she was married 15 years; two daughters and a son-in-law, Janis L. Saxon Moneymaker, of Pittsburgh, and Maureen and Angelo Gioia, of Elizabeth Township; a sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn and John Delsandro, of Belle Vernon; five grandchildren, Vanessa, Erika, John Michael, Christopher and Sarah; and three great-grandchildren, Mikey, Hannah and Colin, who loved their Dee-Dee. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Joseph J. Saxon, in 1987; a son, John R. Saxon; and a brother, Eugene J. Varosky. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, family owned and operated, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon (724-929-6183). A Prayer Service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 11:30 a.m. in the funeral home, followed by a Funeral Mass at noon in St. Sebastian R.C. Church with the Rev. Lawrence L. Manchas, pastor, as celebrant. Interment will take place in St. Dominic Cemetery, Donora. Members of St. Sebastian parish will pray the rosary for the departed soul of Dolores Tucutich on Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the funeral home. Condolences accepted for the family at the funeral home Web site, www.parzynskifuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary Ann Zajac
Formerly of Allenport

Mary Ann Zajac, 90, formerly of Allenport, went to be with her Lord on Saturday, February 2, 2008. She was born July 16, 1917, in Monessen, a daughter of the late John and Anne Lada Zajac. She was a former member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church of Roscoe. Survivors include two sisters, Jessie Krasnicki, of Moon Township, and Stella Imbrescia, of West Newton; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Ceasar and Zigmund "Ziggy" Zajac; and two sisters, Bertha Kozik Lasky and Valerie "Violet" Zajac. Friends will be received Monday, Feb. 4, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the ED MELENYZER FUNERAL HOMES INC., Roscoe. A Blessing Service will be held in the funeral home on Tuesday at 10:15 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's R.C. Church with the Rev. George Moneck officiating. Interment in will be in St. Hyacinth Cemetery, Monessen. On-line condolences will be accepted for the family at www.melenyzerfuneralhomes.com

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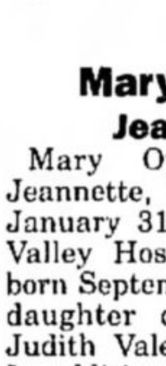
POLICE LOG

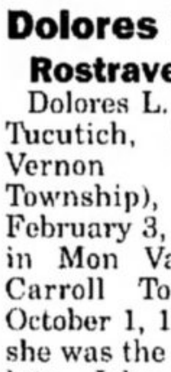
Monessen

■ Nick Bell, 18, of 1112 Rostraver St., Monessen, was charged with simple assault, disorderly conduct and criminal mischief after an incident 1:29 a.m. Sunday at his residence, police said.



In Memory Of Nicki Fish

A Birthday Tribute today, February 4, in loving memory of Nicki Fish, who passed away on September 24, 1999.
We'd like to be with you today if only for a while, we'd like to share your company and see your cheery smile. But since that is impossible, we'll do the next best thing.
And visit you in heart and thought by just remembering.
Sadly missed and dearly loved by her children Jan, Judy, and Joanne, their spouses, her grandchildren and their spouses, her great-grandchildren, and all her friends who knew and loved her.



In Memory Of Helen Pavlik Hreno

In loving memory of our Helen Pavlik Hreno, who passed away 15 years ago, February 4, 1993.
We'd like to be with you today if only for a while. We'd like to share your company and see your cheery smile. But since that is impossible, we'll do the next best thing, and visit you in heart and thought by just remembering.
Vienaja Pamjat - Memories Eternal
Forever in our hearts
Sadly missed and loved by The Family

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

Joseph Dalfonso, Monessen

The following hearings were scheduled Friday in Monessen before Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso:

■ Courtney Lavins, no age listed, of 215 Parkview Knoll, Carmichaels; charged with theft of leased property from JC Video. A warrant was issued for failure to appear in court.

■ Kristin Mikita, no age listed, of 115 Knox Ave., Monessen; charged with theft of leased property Nov. 12 at JC Video. A warrant was issued for failure to appear in court.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 4

Today is Monday, Feb. 4, the 35th day of 2008. There are 331 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Feb. 4, 1789, electors chose George Washington to be the first president of the United States. (However, the results of the balloting were not counted in the U.S. Senate until two months later).

On this date:

- In 1783, Britain declared a formal cessation of hostilities with its former colonies, the United States of America.
- In 1861, delegates from six southern states met in Montgomery, Ala., to form the Confederate States of America.
- In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt opened the Winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid.
- In 1938, the Thornton Wilder play "Our Town" opened on Broadway.
- In 1941, the United Service Organizations (USO) came into existence.
- In 1945, President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began a wartime conference at Yalta.
- In 1948, the island nation of Ceylon — now Sri Lanka — became an independent dominion within the British Commonwealth.
- In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was kidnapped in Berkeley, Calif., by the Symbionese Liberation Army.
- In 1983, singer-musician Karen Carpenter died in Downey, Calif., at age 32.
- In 1987, pianist Liberace died at his Palm Springs, Calif., home at age 67.
- **Ten years ago**: More than 2,300 people were killed when an earthquake hit northeast Afghanistan with a magnitude of 5.9, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.
- **Five years ago**: President Bush visited the Johnson Space Center in Houston, where he led a tribute to the lost crew of the shuttle Columbia and rededicated the nation to space travel. A rare television interview with Saddam Hussein aired in which the Iraqi leader charged that U.S. claims of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons in his country were a pretext to seize Iraq's oil fields. Lawmakers formally dissolved Yugoslavia and replaced it with a loose union of its remaining two republics, Serbia and Montenegro.
- **One year ago**: The Indianapolis Colts won Super Bowl XLI, beating the Chicago Bears 29-17.

Associated Press

Iraqi police officers secure the area after their convoy was hit by a roadside bomb today in central Basra. As violence continues in Iraq, four police officers and one civilian were hurt in the blast, police said.

9 Iraqi civilians accidently killed in raid near Baghdad

The U.S. airstrike occurred after an American convoy came under enemy fire.

By LAUREN FRAYER
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD (AP) — The U.S. military said today that it had accidentally killed nine Iraqi civilians during an operation targeting al-Qaida in Iraq — the deadliest known case of mistaken identity in recent months.

The civilians were killed Saturday near Iskandariyah, 30 miles south of the Iraqi capital, U.S. Navy Lt. Patrick Evans told The Associated Press. Three wounded civilians were taken to U.S. military hospitals nearby, he said.

Evans did not give details about exactly how the people died, but said the killings occurred as U.S. forces pursued suspected al-Qaida in Iraq militants. The incident is under investigation, he said.

Iraqi police said the victims, including two women, were in two houses in the village of Tal al-Samar, which was bombed by American warplanes late Saturday. They were all Sunni members of the al-Ghrir tribe, an officer said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to media.

The U.S. airstrike occurred after an American convoy came under enemy fire in Tal al-Samar and soldiers called for air support, the Iraqi officer said.

Shortly after the incident, American officers met with a Muslim sheik representing citizens in the area, Evans said.

"We offer our condolences to the families of those who were killed in this incident, and we mourn the loss of innocent civilian life," he said in a statement e-mailed to the AP.

In November, a leader of one of the so-called awakening councils — groups of Sunni tribesmen allied with American forces who are fighting to oust al-Qaida from their hometowns — said U.S. soldiers killed dozens of his fighters during a 12-hour battle north of Baghdad.

The leader, Mansour Abid Salim of the Taji Awakening Council, accused American troops of mistaking his men for militants. The U.S. military admitted killing 25 men, but said they were insurgents operating "in the target area" where al-Qaida was believed to be hiding.

The U.S. military investigated that incident, but the two versions of events were never reconciled.

A month later, the U.S. military said its forces accidentally killed two people during a raid in Baqouba, northeast of Baghdad, and that one of them was later revealed to be an awakening council member.

Israeli woman killed in bombing

It was the first suicide attack in Israel in a year.

JERUSALEM (AP) — A suicide bomber today blew himself up in the southern town that houses Israel's secretive nuclear reactor, killing at least one Israeli and wounding six, authorities said. Police said a second attacker was shot dead before he could detonate his explosives belt.

It was the first suicide attack in Israel in a year, and officials were investigating whether the attackers came in through Egypt after Palestinians breached the Gaza-Egypt border last month. A violent offshoot of moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement claimed responsibility, which could complicate recently renewed peace efforts.

Government officials dismissed the notion that the heavily guarded Dimona nuclear reactor was the target of the attackers. The explosion took place in an industrial area about six miles from the reactor site.

"We heard a large explosion and people started to run. I saw pieces of flesh flying in the air," a witness identified only by her first name, Revital, told Army Radio.

Ambulances and a large contingent of soldiers, rescue workers and police rushed to the scene, a shopping center in the small, working class town. The dead Israeli woman was not identified.

"The terror organizations have showed again who they are and what they are," said Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Arye Mekel. "Their goal was and continues to be to kill Israeli citizens in their homes and their schools and in their shopping centers."

"Israel will continue to fight against this murderous terror as it is its duty and responsibility to secure the safety and security of Israel," he added.

At Sunday's Cabinet meeting, the heads of security services warned that because of the anarchy on the Gaza-Egypt frontier, Palestinian militants might enter Israel through Gaza's Sinai desert to attack a civilian Israeli target, a government official said.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Congress to look at $3 trillion budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is sending Congress a $3 trillion spending blueprint that would provide a big boost to defense and protect his signature tax cuts.

It seeks sizable savings in government health care programs and puts the squeeze on much of the rest of government, but it would still generate near-record budget deficits over the next two years.

Even before receiving the document today, Democrats were attacking it for slashing programs to help the poor while protecting tax cuts for the wealthy.

"This is a budget that sticks it to the middle class, comforts the wealthy and has a set of priorities that are not the priorities of the American people," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D.

Democrats saw the plan as a continuation of failed policies that have seen the national debt explode under Bush. A projected 10-year surplus of $5.6 trillion when Bush took office was wiped out by the 2001 recession, the increased spending to fight terrorism and, Democrats contend, Bush's costly tax cuts.

Rebels withdraw from Chad's capital

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Chadian rebels withdrew from the capital of the oil-rich country overnight after encountering fierce resistance from government forces backed by helicopter gunships and tanks, officials said today.

Casualties from the two days of fighting in N'Djamena were believed to be high, and the violence threatened peacekeeping and aid operations intended to stabilize a wide swath of Africa that borders the war-ravaged Darfur region of Sudan.

Hundreds of people were fleeing the city, and U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon said he was "profoundly alarmed" by the fighting. The U.N. Security Council, which held and emergency meeting Sunday on the situation, was to meet again today.

Iran launches research rocket

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran launched a research rocket today and unveiled its first major space center, which will be used to launch research satellites, state-run television reported.

The report said the rocket was the first launched by Iran "into space." But analysts have expressed doubts about similar technological achievements announced by the country in the past.

Products may expose infants to chemicals

CHICAGO (AP) — Baby shampoos, lotions and powders may expose infants to chemicals that have been linked with possible reproductive problems, a small study suggests.

The chemicals, called phthalates, are found in many ordinary products including cosmetics, toys, vinyl flooring and medical supplies. They are used to stabilize fragrances and make plastics flexible.

In the study, they were found in elevated levels in the urine of babies who'd been recently shampooed, powdered or lotioned with baby products.

Phthalates (pronounced thowl-ates) are under attack by some environmental advocacy groups, but experts are uncertain what dangers, if any, they might pose. The federal government doesn't limit their use, although California and some countries have restricted their use.

Animal studies have suggested that phthalates can cause reproductive birth defects and some activists believe they may cause reproductive problems in boys and early puberty in girls.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

One player hits 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Sunday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $125,000.

Lottery officials said 66 players matched four numbers and won $255.50 each; 2,474 players matched three numbers and won $11.50 each; and 32,907 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent LOTTERY RESULTS

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

DAY PICK 3:	6-0-5
NIGHT PICK 3:	6-7-6
DAY PICK BIG 4:	4-6-5-1
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	6-3-2-6
TREASURE HUNT:	1-8-11-22-30
CASH 5:	1-3-7-9-30
POWERBALL:	14-16-25-26-44
Powerball:	30 Powerplay: 3

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

DAY/NIGHT PICK 3:	1-9-2 0-1-8
DAY PICK BIG 4:	5-8-2-2
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	7-6-3-5
TREASURE HUNT:	2-6-13-23-28
CASH 5:	3-20-21-32-38

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

DAY PICK 3:	1-2-6
NIGHT PICK 3:	8-6-7
DAY PICK 4:	4-7-9-3
NIGHT PICK 4:	3-5-9-9
ROLLING CASH 5:	12-13-21-26-31

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

DAILY 3:	8-6-0
DAILY 4:	4-6-0-3
HOT LOTTO:	14-20-23-32-38 HB: 12

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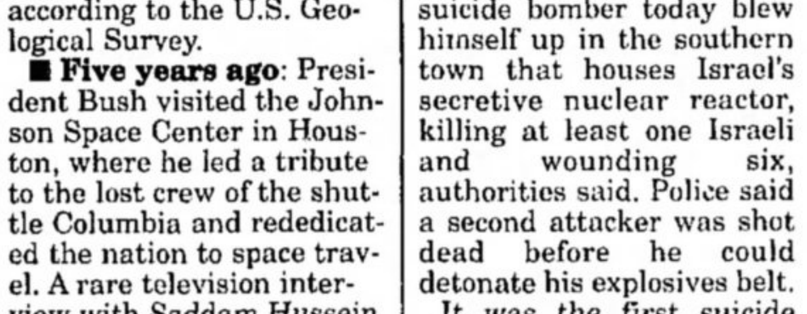

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OUR OPINION

More tests won't fix education

A PENNSYLVANIA BOARD of Education plan for graduation tests in primary subjects reads like a page from the No Child Left Behind playbook. Has Pennsylvania learned nothing from the federal boondoggle?

Students would have to pass six of 10 subject-specific competency exams to graduate under the plan, which still faces a slew of approvals. Invariably some students will be left behind. And the authority of local school boards will be diminished.

What's endorsed by the state's leading educrats and advocated by Gov. Ed Rendell is placement of an all-too-wobbly cart before a lame horse. There is no fairness or wisdom in penalizing students when neither the students nor their parents have any meaningful say in school selection.

And the cost of this latest "cure"? About $50 million to develop the graduation competency assessments. And that's just for starters.

By all means, high school grads should be proficient in math, English, science and social studies. But give them the opportunity to do so before they reach senior year.

That opportunity begins with school choice.

With parental choice and competition for education dollars comes a greater demand — on schools — for students' academic achievement. That will determine which schools succeed — and which ones fail.

And that will do more to advance students' academic proficiency than simply imposing more tests — and getting the same results.

ANOTHER VIEW

The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News on a new PIAA policy on transfers:

The good news is the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association's Board of Directors hasn't given up on a new policy to address high school transfers for sports-related reasons.

The bad news is what has evolved will likely do little to solve the problem.

The plan proposed by District 7 in the western part of the state in October 2006 would have made students transferring after their freshman year ineligible for varsity sports for a year unless the transfer was for legitimate non-athletic reasons, such as a change in a parent's employment, a parental death, or a school closing. Seems simple, straightforward and fair.

But the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, a statewide coalition of Catholic schools, spearheaded opposition. After attempted compromises and stalemates, variations have emerged that create different levels of eligibility, reduce the ineligibility period to as little as 30 days, and maintain the signoff authority of school principals.

A month of ineligibility is hardly a deterrent for potential transfers. And critics contend that principals are a large part of the problem, some too busy to fully vet the reasons for a transfer and others fearful of public ridicule for denying an athletic team new talent.

Even Donald A. Teti, assistant superintendent for secondary schools for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, acknowledged as much to The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: "If a principal has any courage at all, if there is athletic intent, he should make them ineligible. If every principal operated that way, this would not be an issue."

Well, they don't, and it is. Although transfers have been particularly controversial in western Pennsylvania, they are far from unheard of across the state, including schools in this area.

It basically amounts to recruiting of high school athletes, some of whom merely take up residence with a relative in a new district or temporarily move there with one of their parents.

What is now under consideration is basically a few convoluted tweaks to the status quo.

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Presidential final four

Charley **REESE**

At least we now know who the next president is going to be. It will be Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, John McCain or Mitt Romney. I'm not thrilled with any of these choices, but we are stuck with the political system we tolerate.

All of the peripheral candidates, save Mike Huckabee and Ron Paul, have dropped out of the race, and Huckabee and Paul should join them. Huckabee is an affable fellow, but he doesn't have the money to finish the race, and moreover, his name just doesn't sound presidential. By staying in the race, he will probably draw votes from Romney and thus assist McCain. Paul never had a chance.

McCain will be 72 on Inauguration Day, and that's too old to assume the burdens of the presidency. It's just a matter of biology. All of us in our 70s are living on borrowed time. Our biological clocks are winding down, and there's no way to rewind them. We don't want a president who could develop senile dementia, and that, along with other organ failures, is always possible with people his age.

That leaves Hillary, whose experience other than as a senator consists of sleeping with Bill Clinton. First lady is an honorary title, not a public office. There is Romney, a former governor and a businessman, and Obama, a media star who has served less than one term in the Senate. I imagine the Russian and Chinese leaders are pleased with our selections.

Gov. Bill Richardson had the most foreign-policy experience of any of the candidates, but he couldn't raise the money or catch on with the public.

Sen. Joe Biden and Sen. Chris Dodd should have known from the get-go that they didn't have a chance. Ditto all the other marginal candidates. Rudy Giuliani's problem was that the more people got to know him, the less they liked him.

America is a huge country. To run for president, you either have to already have almost celebrity status or have millions of dollars with which just to buy your name recognition. The national news media have to like you, or else they will ignore you or short you on television time. None of this has anything to do with qualifications. Unfortunately, our presidential contests have been reduced to popularity contests.

You also have to have a believable platform. Americans are no longer libertarian and find any suggestion of dismantling the government repugnant. Even Huckabee's idea of abolishing the income tax and substituting a federal sales tax sounds too radical for most Americans. Bland and vague is what Americans prefer, and of course, they want to be constantly told how great they are.

I haven't heard what I would call an outstanding speech from any of them. Hillary is following the Clinton pattern of listing program after program; Romney says Washington is broken and he promises to fix it; McCain says we will be at war for the next hundred years and therefore need a warrior; and Obama blue-skies it.

Obama and Romney are probably the least likely to get us into a war; Clinton is most likely to win; and McCain will probably fail to get the nomination. But who am I to say? I'm just a grumpy old guy who would resurrect Harry Truman if that were possible. He and Dwight Eisenhower remain, in my book, the last competent presidents we've put in the White House.

Since John F. Kennedy, marketing, dirty tricks and big money have dominated our presidential campaigns. Clinton is one tough, ruthless broad, and I expect her to slice and dice Obama during the remainder of the campaign. Even with help from Ted Kennedy, I doubt he will be able to handle her.

At least as a consolation prize, we will probably get to watch Hillary and Bill clash over his role in her White House. In that contest, I'll bet on Hillary.

Saddam's chief executioner dances

Nat **HENTOFF**

The world appears to have abandoned any realistic hope that the new U.N.-African force can get Sudan to stop the genocide in Darfur. Therefore, it's not surprising that Sudan's embodiment of evil, President Omar al-Bashir, was — as reported on the Sudan Tribune Web site on Jan. 17 — "dancing (and) celebrating the completion of the Bridge of the Chinese-Sudanese Friendship north of Khartoum."

"With China's help," gloated al-Bashir — who has effectively obstructed the current mission of the combined force sent by the U.N. Security Council and the African Union — "Sudan will certainly score glorious achievements one after another on our path of construction and development." And China's glory in hosting this year's Olympics, so important for the improved reputation of that Chinese dictatorship, may not be tarred enough — because of its quintessential economic support of Al-Bashir — to stop that support.

To further show his dancing contempt of the United Nations and George W. Bush — the first world leader to call the mass murders and rapes in Darfur "genocide" — Bashir has appointed (Jan. 16), as a special advisor, Musa Hilal, the chief leader and planner of Bashir's monstrous militia, the Janjaweed.

As Human Rights Watch reports: "Scores of victims, witnesses to attacks and even members of the Sudanese armed forces have named Hilal as the top commander of government-backed Janjaweed militias responsible for numerous atrocities in Darfur."

Moreover, Hilal, also involved with training camps for those rapists and killers, was specifically named, adds Human Rights Watch, "in a government document ... ordering all Sudanese 'security units to allow the activities' of the components of the Janjaweed 'under the command of Sheikh Musa Hilal.'"

Blithely countering criticism of his appointment of what Human Rights Watch rightly calls "the poster child" of the burning of Black African villages in Darfur, including the tossing of babies into the flames, Al-Bashir, during an official visit to Turkey, actually celebrated Hilal:

"Having contributed greatly to stability and security in the region, we in Sudan believe that those accusations against Mr. Hilal are untrue" (New York Times, Jan. 22).

Why would the government of Turkey have sullied its reputation by inviting this master of human-rights crimes? According to Sudan Tribune, Bashir — the Pinocchio of my childhood readings — will have briefed Turkish President Abdullah Gul, during an official visit, on the "progress of the peace process in Darfur" and "explore means to boost joint political and economic cooperation ties."

With a straight face, the Turkish ambassador to Sudan insists that Turkey is "resolute to resolve (the Darfur) crisis." How do these people keep their faces straight?

I doubt that the two presidents discussed the undeniable fact that — as reported by the premier historian of this genocide, Eric Reeves — "at approximately 10 p.m. on Jan. 7, Khartoum's regular Sudan Armed Forces attacked, deliberately and with premeditation, a convoy belonging to the U.N./African Union Mission in Darfur. The convoy ... came under heavy sustained fire near Tine, West Darfur."

On Jan. 11, the impotent U.N. Security Council mustered its indignation by condemning the attack and protesting to Al-Bashir's government about this attack on "a clearly marked supplies convoy." I do not think the he shook in his Sudanese Army boots when the Security Council that day — Reuters reported — "threatened action against anyone hindering the deployment of international peacekeepers."

Bashir's ambassador to the United Nations, Abdalmahmoud Abdalhaleem, wasn't in the least ruffled by the threat of real actions against the sovereign nation of Sudan. Like his boss, the ambassador — Reuters added — "said the 15-nation (Security Council) has issued many warnings in the past but had never followed through."

And there, in this cold, flat statement, is the future of many thousands more black Africans in Darfur as the never fully sated Janjaweed savor all the rapes and murders to come — while their leader, Hilal, stands proud as an adviser to al-Bashir.

Is there any way, then, to close down this holocaust in the face of the intransigence of Sudan? In October 2005, the U.N. General Assembly passed a "responsibility to protect" resolution holding that if a sovereign member of the United Nations is committing mass atrocities against it own citizens — thereby failing its "responsibility to protect them" — international forces have the right to go into that nation and carry out that protection.

NEWS

Associated Press

Republican presidential hopeful, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, left, reacts to the final play of the Super Bowl Sunday while watching in the lobby of his hotel in Nashville. At right, presidential hopeful, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., makes a campaign stop at a Super Bowl pregame party in Boston.

Associated Press

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., left, laughs as she speaks to reporters about the New York Giants' Super Bowl victory aboard her campaign plane in Minneapolis. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., right, visits with reporters Sunday during a flight between Wilmington, Del., and Chicago.

Super Tuesday: All eyes on Clinton

Twenty-four states will hold presidential primaries tomorrow.

By CHARLES BABINGTON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top presidential candidates and their big-name supporters campaigned from coast to coast Sunday, but one contender seemed atop everyone's mind: Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Republicans John McCain and Mitt Romney contrasted themselves, and each other, with Clinton as though she were the nominee. Her Democratic rival, Barack Obama, played along to a degree, saying Clinton is so polarizing that he is their party's better bet.

Rather than diverting the less-than-flattering attention, Clinton embraced it.

"I've been taking the incoming fire from Republicans for about 16 years now, and I'm still here, because I have been vetted, I have been tested," she said in a TV interview before campaigning in Missouri and Minneapolis.

"There's unlikely to be any new surprises," Clinton added, implying the same cannot be said of Obama, who has been in Congress three years.

Her confidence notwithstanding, polls showed Obama narrowing the lead that Clinton has enjoyed among Democrats nationwide, even as McCain appeared to be pulling away from Romney.

With 24 states holding presidential contests Tuesday, Sunday was an intense day of campaigning and advertising, making it all the more remarkable that one figure managed to dominate so much of the talk and speculation.

For years the New York senator and former first lady has been an object of fascination, mystery and sometimes scorn by Americans, few of whom seem neutral toward her. She is the Democrat conservatives most love to hate, and McCain and Romney campaigned against her Sunday as if in a proxy battle against one another.

"If we want a party that is indistinguishable from Hillary Clinton on an issue like illegal immigration," Romney said, "we're going to have John McCain as a nominee. That's the wrong way to go."

McCain, campaigning in Fairfield, Conn., said he has never sought special projects for his state, and added: "In her short time in the United States Senate, the senator from New York, Senator Clinton, got $500 million worth of pork barrel projects. My friends, that kind of thing is going to stop."

The Clinton fascination is trickier for Obama. He wants to capitalize on Republicans' opposition to her without agreeing that she is the inevitable nominee.

Speaking on CBS' "Face the Nation" before campaigning in Delaware, the Illinois senator said the problem is "not all of Senator Clinton's making, but I don't think there's any doubt that the Republicans consider her a polarizing figure."

Obama drew an impressive crowd of 20,000 in downtown Wilmington, but his campaign attracted attention in other places, too. It said he would air a TV ad during the Super Bowl, an expensive time slot, in two dozen states with presidential contests this month. And at a Los Angeles event, his stand-ins were his wife, Michelle, TV star Oprah Winfrey, and Caroline Kennedy, daughter of President Kennedy.

They were joined by, Maria Shriver, the wife of California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who followed in the steps of Caroline and their uncle, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, in endorsing Obama.

"I thought, if Barack Obama was a state, he'd be California," she said to a crowd of 9,000 inside UCLA's Pauley Pavilion. "Diverse, open, smart, independent, bucks tradition. Innovative. Inspirational. Dreamer. Leader."

Winfrey bridled at criticism she received after her first campaign foray for Obama in three early voting states.

"You know, after Iowa, there were some women who had the nerve to say to me, 'How could you? How could you?'" she said, with mock indignation. "'You're a traitor to your gender.'"

The crowd booed.

"Yes, that's how I feel," she said, adding a little later, "I say, I am not a traitor. No, I'm not a traitor. I'm just following my own truth, and that truth has led me to Barack Obama."

As usual, another prominent Clinton — the candidate's husband and former president — was in the thick of things.

Bill Clinton visited four churches in mostly black sections of Los Angeles. The trip was widely seen as a bid to smooth over perceptions that he had injected race into last month's Democratic primary in South Carolina, which Obama won handily.

The former president never mentioned Obama by name when he spoke for about 20 minutes at the City of Refuge church in Gardena. But he struck a conciliatory tone in describing this year's Democratic contest as "an embarrassment of riches."

"I'm not against anybody," Clinton said.

Campaigning in a western suburb of Chicago, Romney took a swipe at Obama, again as a means of nicking McCain.

"Yesterday Barack Obama said there's not a dime's worth of difference between he and Senator McCain on illegal immigration," Romney told a crowd at the College of DuPage. "I'm afraid it's going to be real hard to win the White House if there's not much difference between our nominee and theirs, and that's why I'm going to make sure that we stand for Republican ideals and win the White House on that platform."

Later, in suburban St. Louis, former Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, a favorite of conservatives, endorsed Romney during a Super Bowl party.

"Mitt Romney is hitting his stride. He is speaking with clarity, with conviction, with the heart and the mind together, which is what conservatives want to hear," said Santorum.

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Area residents enjoy a winter Saturday

Don't ever let it be said that the people of the Mid-Mon Valley are not a resilient bunch. Those caught in the lens of *The Valley Independent's* Weekend camera are proof of that.

Despite chilly weather in the first Saturday of February along with generally overcast skies, these hearty souls were not persuaded to stay away from things they had planned to do.

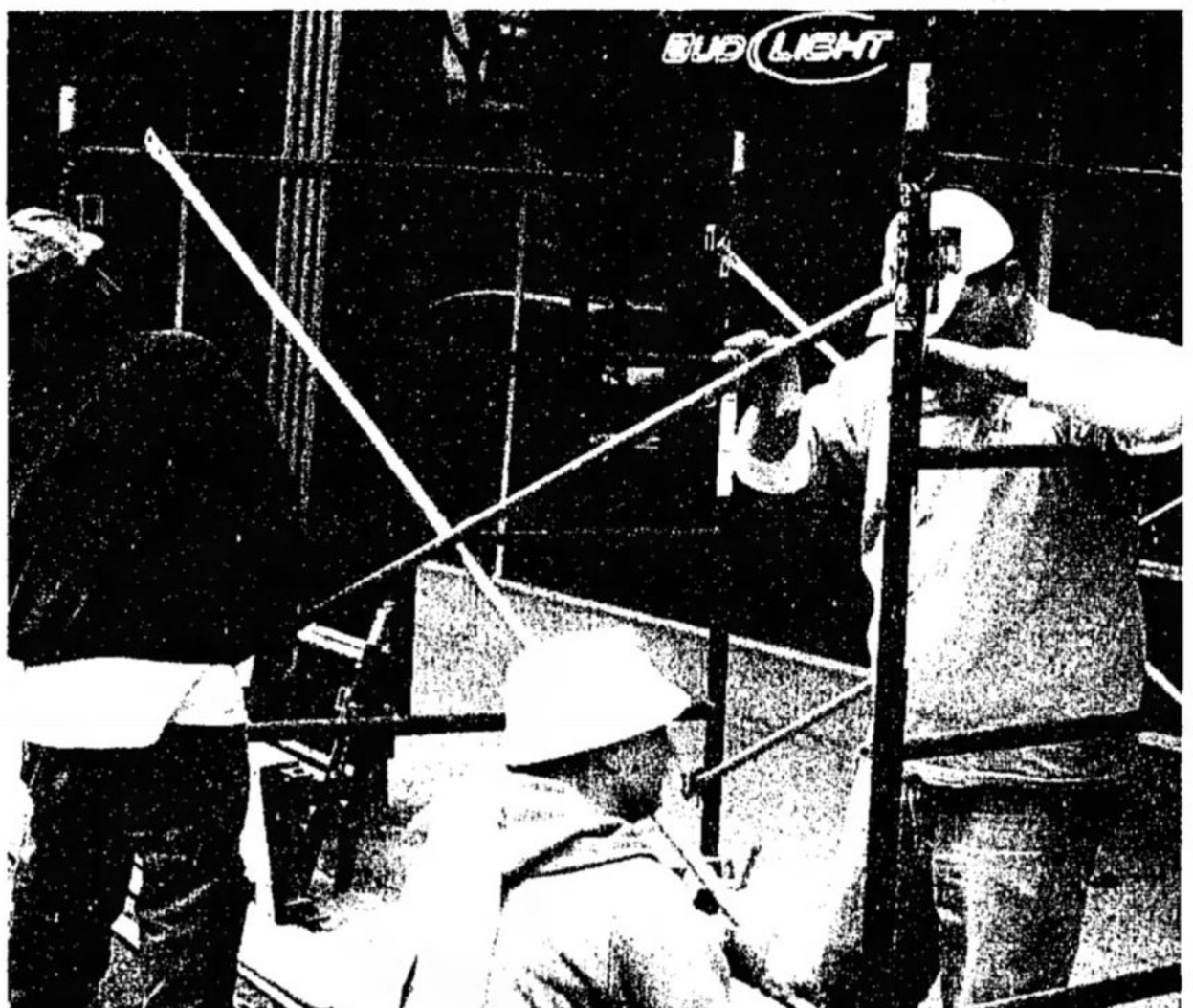
Whether it was taking a walk, cleaning a vehicle, moving furniture, working outside, waiting for a bus or going to youth sports events, area residents were out and about on Saturday.

And no matter what folks were caught doing, they didn't seem to mind the cold.

ABOVE - Tommy Pica, 22, of Monessen, chats on the phone while he takes a brisk walk in downtown Monessen.

RIGHT - Bob Haluschak, of North Charleroi, cleaned his vehicle – inside and out.

Glenn Scott, of Charleroi, changes a tire on his van in a parking lot in downtown Charleroi.



Jerry Richard, left; Dave Granato, center, and Patrick Collins put up a scaffold as part of an improvement project in Charleroi.

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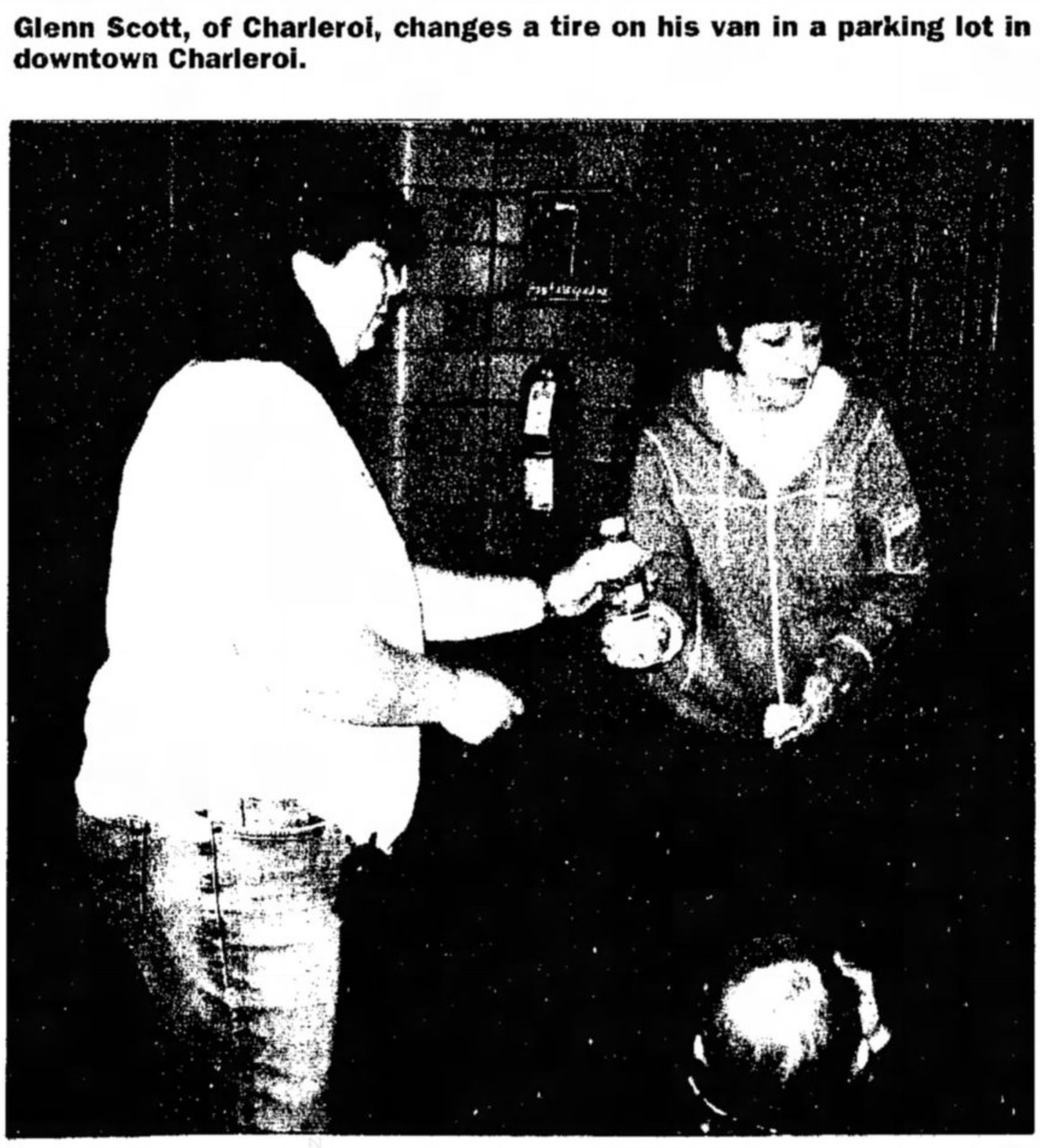
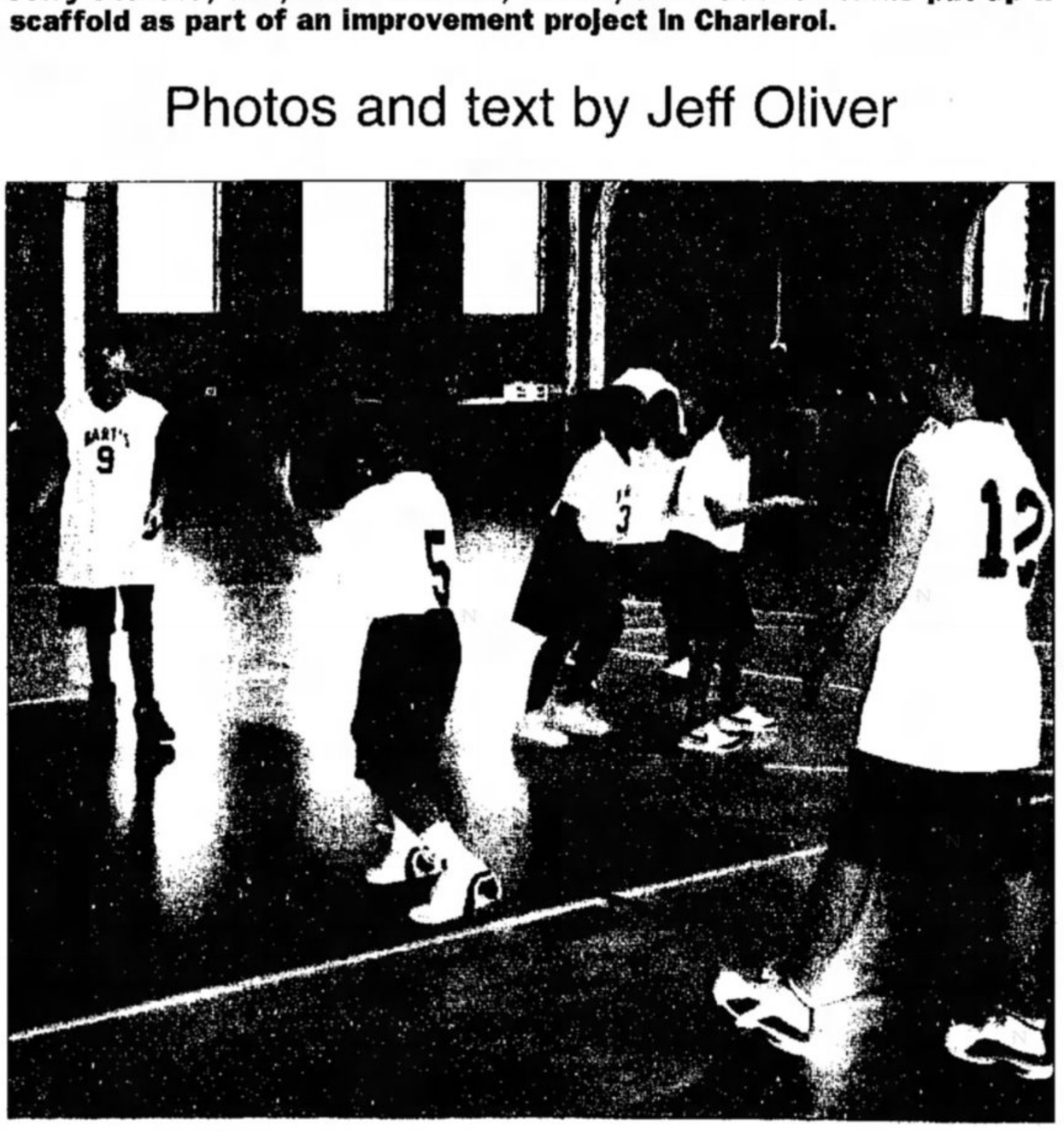


Trudy Speck, left, and her son, Brandon, are waited on by Karen Dei Cas at the Monessen Midget Basketball League concession stand at the Monessen Civic Center.



Members of Bart's Exxon minor league team do some pre-game shooting as they prepare for their game against Buzzy's in the Monessen Midget Basketball League.

McCauley plays hero

One-time Yough star Ben McCauley's last-second dunk gave North Carolina State an ACC win Sunday. 2B

Valley SPORTS

Woods wins at Dubai

Tiger Woods rallied from four strokes behind for a dramatic victory at the Dubai Desert Classic. 2B

Hat trick no treat

Ringgold High graduate Justin DePretis scored a hat trick for the Indiana Ice Miners Saturday in a 5-1 win over the Thunder. 2B

Sports Trivia

Who were the New York Giants' other two Super Bowl MVPs before Eli Manning? 2B

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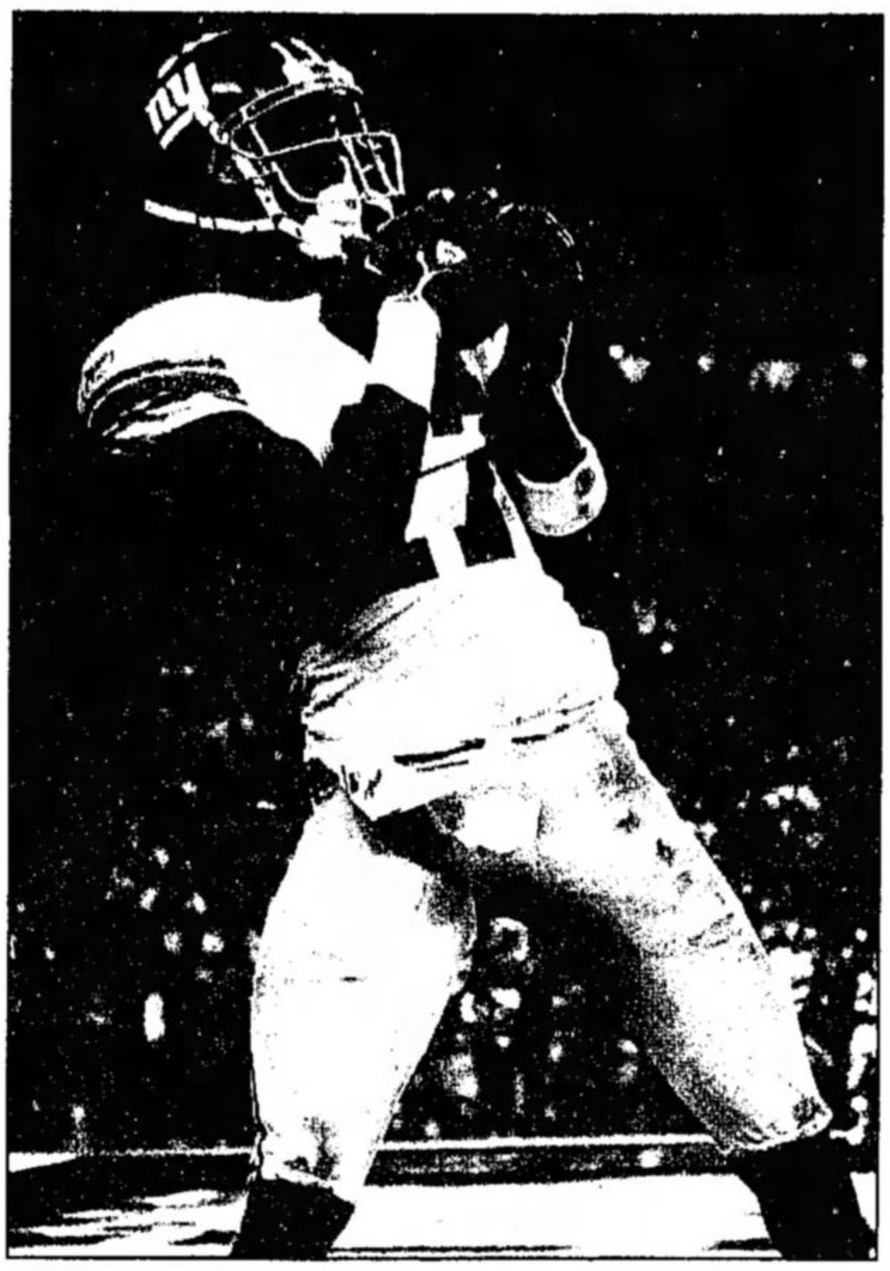

Associated Press

Giants receiver Plaxico Burress catches the game-winning touchdown pass with 35 seconds left in Super Bowl XLII.

Super upset

Giants' last-minute touchdown drive ruins Patriots' perfect season.

By BEN WALKER
AP Football Writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. — One perfect spiral and it was over for the New England Patriots. Forever, fans would remember who lost this Super Bowl, as much as who won.

Eli Manning looked every bit like his older brother, throwing that beautiful fade route. Plaxico Burress backed up his brazen prediction, catching the 13-yard touchdown pass with 35 seconds left.

And with that thunderbolt, the New York Giants became NFL champions Sunday night. With the crowd standing and roaring for the entire fourth quarter, they startled the heavily favored Patriots — and themselves, a bit — with a 17-14 victory.

"Even when my parents were telling me, 'You're going to win,' I don't know if I believed them," said defensive end Michael Strahan, who postponed retirement in late August to try for this trophy.

The previously unbeaten Pats? They finally felt the pressure. Not from their gaudy record, but from the kind applied by the Giants' relentless pass rush.

"Tonight doesn't take away from anything we have done over the course of the season," New England quarterback Tom Brady said. "We had a great year. It's just unfortunate that tonight turned out the way it did."

The 1972 Miami Dolphins didn't seem to mind too much. They're protective of their 17-0 mark that season and don't want anyone to match their unblemished record.

"The Patriots had a great season, but it shows just how difficult it is to go undefeated," said then-coach Don Shula, who was in attendance. "Our players and our fans feel that much more proud of our accomplishment."

Gone was the Patriots' chance to be the first team to finish 19-0. Also lost was their chance to win their fourth title in seven seasons. Instead, they found another way to be marked.

While many Super Bowl losers simply are forgotten, a few are destined to be a part of NFL lore. Almost 40 years ago, the mighty Baltimore Colts fell victim to that other New York team and its poolside prognosticator, the Jets and Joe Namath.

"We had an opportunity to be special, and we let it slip away," Patriots defensive lineman Richard Seymour. "We came so close to being special. Now, we're second class."

Burress saw the Giants' third Super Bowl title coming.

Last week, he predicted New York would win 23-17. That guess drew Brady's attention.

"We're only going to score 17 points?" he said then. "OK. Is Plax playing defense? I wish he had said 45-42 and gave us a little credit for scoring more points."

Manning and the wild-card Giants (14-6) knocked off the Brady bunch, pulling off a frenzied, 12-play drive that covered 83 yards in the last 2 1/2 minutes. Included was Brandon Jacobs' plunge on fourth-and-1, plus a circus catch by David Tyree.

Tyree, who began the game with more special teams tackles than catches this season, outjumped Rodney Harrison for a 32-yard grab on third-and-5 to the Patriots' 24 with 59 seconds left. Harrison tried to pull the ball free and one point had it pinned to Tyree's helmet.

"I don't know that there's ever been a bigger play in the Super Bowl than that play," praised Giants coach Tom Coughlin.

Early in the fourth quarter, Tyree

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Brady, Pats weren't quite perfect enough

Quarterback couldn't pull off comeback for fourth Super Bowl ring.

By TIM DAHLBERG
AP Sports Columnist

PHOENIX — There was no reason to think Tom Brady wasn't going to do it again, no matter how much time he spent sprawled out Sunday studying the Arizona turf up close and personal. No reason at all, because he had always done it before.

Even with 29 seconds left you had to believe he would find a way. There was no way this perfect quarterback was going to let this perfect season end with such shocking and complete suddenness.

He did it in his first two Super Bowls. He did it every time he seemed to need to do it.

When he couldn't do it this time and his final pass fell to the turf he grew so well acquainted with, there was nothing left to do than walk slowly to the sidelines, helmet in hand, no longer invincible and no longer undefeated.

Not even a supermodel girlfriend could ease the pain of this one.

"I'm sure it will be tough to swallow over the coming months," Brady said.

This was supposed to be a coronation of a season like no other, a game in which Brady would add to his legend and win his fourth Super Bowl title. No one expected the other quarterback to lead the winning drive, and no one expected the other team to be at the podium on the 50-yard-line with silver confetti streaming from the top of the dome and the Lombardi trophy in their hands.

Tom Brady was perfect. His team was perfect.

His coach was a genius, and his big receiver was the best in the game.

And yet here he was on the ground once again, with just a few seconds left on the clock and 90 yards that would never be crossed in this game between the Patriots and the goal line. There would be one more desperation pass, but the celebration had already started on the other side of the field and one of the biggest upsets in Super Bowl history was being etched into the record books.

> "I'm sure it will be tough to swallow over the coming months."
> Tom Brady

"I had a feeling it was going to come down to us with a few plays left," Brady said. "We just didn't get it done."

It was an odd and ugly game at best. The perfect team with the perfect quarterback playing in the perfect indoors of a perfectly new stadium was perfectly awful, at least when the ball was in Brady's hands.

Brady and his offensive line knew they were facing a team that excelled at rushing the passer and was great at causing havoc in the backfield. It wasn't as if they weren't ready for it, but they seemed unprepared to deal with the intensity of Justin Tuck and the others who came at Brady in waves and from all different directions.

Sacked just 21 times all year, he was dropped five times in this game alone. All told, he was on the ground a dozen or so times, enough to get such a close look at the turf that he could be hired in the offseason as an agronomist for the NFL.

At one point in the third quarter, he was on his knees after hurrying yet another throw, his hands on his hips and a look of frustration that no one had seen since the Patriots last lost in the AFC championship game more than a year ago in Indianapolis.

His helmet was on so it was hard to tell, but for all we know his hair might have even been out of place.

Dallas fans might have predicted trouble for Brady even before the opening coin flip. Their season ended with a girlfriend being blamed for a bad night of quarterbacking, and there Gisele Bundchen was in a luxury box and looking every bit the supermodel girlfriend that she is.

But Bundchen wasn't blocking for Brady, and she wasn't throwing for him. Her only involvement in this Super Bowl might have been nursing his sore ankle, though the video was inconclusive on that.

Brady made his way slowly to the interview area after the game, taking his time to shower and put on a coat and tie. He didn't look like he had just taken a beating in a heavyweight slugfest, but the words came slow and almost every answer was a cliche.

This was the kind of game he usually won, and the kind of game he expected to win again. His first two Super Bowl rings came on last-minute drives, and when he finally got control of his team and led them down the field for a scoring pass to Randy Moss to put the Patriots ahead 14-10 it seemed like the legend would only grow.

Little did he know he had left too much time on the clock. Little did he know that a quarterback growing in stature before our eyes would use a miracle desperation pass to lead his team down field for a win in much the same way Brady always did.

The game will grow in Super Bowl lore not because it was particularly well played by either side, but because the Giants did the unthinkable and beat the team that couldn't be beaten. They rushed Brady and they rattled him, something no one thought could be done.

As he walked toward the sideline, helmet in hand and his season over, Brady was left to his own thoughts. There would be explanations to come and there would be fingers pointed.

But for now there was only one thing that mattered.

The perfect season was over, and the perfect quarterback was no longer.

Associated Press

New York's David Tyree, left, catches a 32-yard pass late over New England's Rodney Harrison late in Super Bowl XLII.

Tyree uses his head for catch

Receiver pinned ball against his helmet for key play on final drive.

By BEN WALKER
AP National Writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. — David Tyree stretched every inch of his 6-foot frame, straining as if the whole Super Bowl was at stake.

Because in a way, it was.

Somehow, with time running out and the ball pinned to his helmet, Tyree held on tight with both hands Sunday. Years from now, New York Giants fans will still wonder how he did it.

"I don't know that there's ever been a bigger play in the Super Bowl than that play," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said.

Little more than a special teams player all season — he had twice as many tackles as catches — Tyree became an All-Pro in the fourth quarter of Sunday's 17-14 stunner over the mighty New England Patriots.

First, he shook loose over the middle to catch a 5-yard touchdown pass from Eli Manning that put the Giants ahead. Then Tyree topped himself, outfighting Patriots safety Rodney Harrison to make a tumbling, circus grab that set up the winning score.

"I am a man that really has to capitalize on his few opportunities," Tyree said. "Some things just don't make sense and I guess you can just put that catch there with them."

Amazing, for more than one reason.

"Unbelievable," Giants receiver Amani Toomer said. "In Friday's

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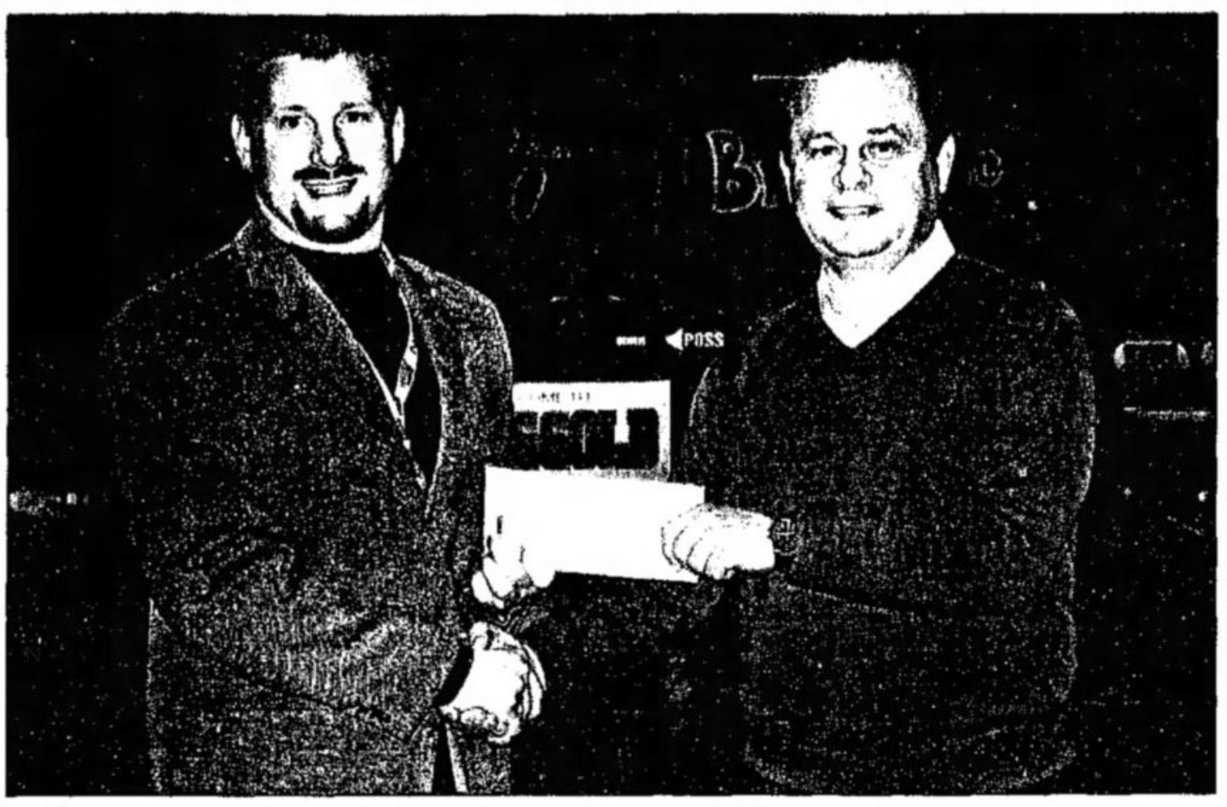
SPORTS

Coaches vs. cancer

South Park School District superintendent Richard Bucchianeri, right, presents Ringgold athletic director Lloyd Price a check for $150 in the schools' Coaches vs Cancer basketball game Friday. The two schools were able to raise $1,164.47 for the American Cancer Society.



Upset (FROM PAGE ONE)

caught a 5-yard strike from Manning for his first TD of the season and a 10-7 lead.

"I am a man that really has to capitalize on his few opportunities," Tyree said. "Some things just don't make sense and I guess you can just put that catch there with them."

When this game ended, the Giants had their 11th straight road win and Manning was the MVP, the same award brother Peyton earned last year by leading Indianapolis over Chicago.

"That's a position you want to be in," Eli said. "You want to have the ball in your hands ... down, where you've got to score a touchdown."

Maybe easier to do than watch.

Peyton was in a private box and punctuated each key play by his kid brother with a clap, shout or a wave of his arms.

"You are pulling so hard for Eli," he said. "I guarantee you I am more involved in the game he is playing than any other NFL game. I was pumped, and I got a lot of messages telling me to calm down because I was excited."

Brady, Patriots coach Bill Belichick and several others on the New England side were gone by the very end. Brady's last pass fell incomplete with 1 second left, and Belichick ran across the field to congratulate Coughlin.

The officials determined there was one more play left. With many Patriots off to the locker room, Manning took a final kneeldown in New England territory.

As for how difficult the loss was, Belichick said: "I don't rank them. It's disappointing."

Fined for spying on the Jets' coaches in the season opener, Belichick and the Patriots had every right to believe they would win this time. Even though the Giants played them tough in a 38-35 loss at the Meadowlands in their last game of the regular season, New England was a two-touchdown favorite.

But Brady, a two-time Super Bowl MVP, never quite got into a rhythm. With girlfriend Gisele Bundchen tucked away in a suite, Brady went 29-for-48 and 266 yards. He was under pressure all game, as Strahan, Osi Umenyiora and Justin Tuck kept pounding him.

"There is a way to get to anybody," Strahan said. "And for us today, the way to win this game was to get to Tom Brady. Stop the run and get to Brady.

"As Mike Tyson would say, 'Everybody has a plan until they get punched in the face.' And today, we wanted to punch them in the face."

Brady was sacked five times and the highest-scoring team in league history was held to its lowest point total of the season. He did not show any ill effects from a sprained ankle that recently put him in a protective boot.

Manning's 5-yard pass to Tyree — it was his first TD catch of the season — put the Giants ahead 10-7 earlier in the fourth quarter. Brady later hit Randy Moss for a 6-yard touchdown with 2:42 to go that gave the Pats a 14-10 edge.

Four plays after Tyree's acrobatics, Manning found Burress alone in the left side of the end zone.

"It's the greatest feeling in professional sports," Burress said before bursting into tears.

Tyree (FROM PAGE ONE)

practice, he was dropping everything."

Pretty neat trick for a guy who started the season with a broken wrist. And someone who overcame adversity, too — Tyree missed a game after his mother died of a heart attack in mid-December.

Tyree finished with three catches for 43 yards receiving and one touchdown against a team that was trying to complete a perfect run. He had totaled five catches, 40 yards and zero TDs entering the game.

"I think every receiver has to believe he's the best guy out there," Tyree said.

Surrounded by the likes of Randy Moss, Plaxico Burress, Wes Welker and Toomer, the fifth-year receiver from Syracuse was. Out of nowhere.

"A lot of people call me a special teams player. They don't give me any recognition as a wide receiver, and that is fine," Tyree said. "You tell me to do something and I am going to go out there and do it."

Nice that he had confidence in himself. Maybe he should've shared that with Michael Strahan before the crazy catch.

"That play alone took a few years off my life," the grinning defensive end said.

The Giants trailed 14-10 with 1:15 left when Manning faced a third-and-5 at his own 44. The Patriots brought pressure, and Manning somehow shook loose from two defenders.

Scrambling to his right, he made a desperate, dangerous toss deep down the middle where Harrison and cornerback Asante Samuel were lurking. Tyree jumped up and with Harrison on his back, managed to get both hands on the ball.

Harrison fought him the whole way, slapping at the ball and momentarily pinning it to Tyree's helmet. That gave Tyree a chance to get a better grip and as he fell backward, he had the presence to hold the ball aloft to show it belonged to him.

"I just wouldn't let go," he said. "They were trying to say they had the ball. They snatched it."

Too late.

"I thought the play was representative of us not really getting the breaks that we were used to getting," Harrison said.

The 32-yard gain to the New England 24 seemed to startle Harrison and his teammates while the Giants jumped up and down on the sideline.

"He made a hell of a play," Samuel said.

"Rodney was right there," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said.

"That ball was challenged," Coughlin said.

The Giants called a timeout with 59 seconds remaining and four plays later, Manning hit Burress for the winner.

Tiger's charge wins in Dubai

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Tiger Woods capped his comeback in style.

He drained a 25-foot putt downhill, then he skipped backward and punched the desert air in celebration when it disappeared into the cup for a final birdie, giving him another win in his second tournament this year at the Dubai Desert Classic on Sunday,

"To go two-for-two, it's a pretty good start, isn't it?" Woods said.

Woods had trailed by four strokes to Ernie Els, a familiar victim. But he birdied his last two holes, and five of his last seven, for a 7-under 65 to start his season with two victories that looked nothing alike.

One week was an eight-shot victory at the Buick Invitational. The next week was his largest comeback in eight years when Woods rallied from a four-shot deficit with an array of impressive shots that make him look tougher to beat than he already is.

"I'm just happy to get a win out of this," Woods said.

It was the third time Woods has started his season 2-0, another sign that he could be headed for a big year.

He now has won his last four official tournaments, and six of his last seven dating to the Bridgestone Invitational in early August. Woods also won his unofficial Target World Challenge by seven shots in December.

"It's the ideal start, isn't it?" Woods said. "You play to win. So far, I've done that this year."

Woods finished at 14-under 274 for a one-shot victory over Martin Kaymer of Germany.

Woods had already posted his score when Kaymer, who won two weeks ago in Abu Dhabi, closed birdie-birdie-eagle for a 66.

Cal U women fall in overtime

Overtime didn't pay for the California University women's basketball team Saturday at Hamer Hall.

The Vulcans lost 65-57 to Indiana to slip into a first-place tie with the winners in the PSAC West.

Sophomore Hillary Shope had a career-high 23 points for IUP (19-2, 4-1), which snapped the Vulcans' 14-game winning streak.

Jahzinga Tracey added 15 points and 11 rebounds. Tracey's basket with 1:35 remaining knotted the score at 54 and sent it into overtime.

Shaquette Mance came off the bench to score a team-high 13 points followed by Crystal Andrews (11), Amber Dubyak (10) and Kayla Smith (10).

Smith (13) and Brooque Williams (10) combined for 23 of the Vulcans' 51 rebounds.

California (17-3, 4-1) made only one of nine shots from the floor in the overtime including zero of six from three-point range. The Vulcans hit only two of 18 treys.

Cal hosts Edinboro Wednesday at 6 p.m.

First-place showdown set

First place in the PSAC West will be on the line when the California University men's basketball team hosts Edinboro Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The Vulcans and Scots are both 5-0 in league play following victories Saturday.

California turned back Indiana, 60-47 at Hamer Hall while Edinboro dropped Lock Haven, 78-65.

The Vulcans never trailed after an early 16-2 run gave them a 16-4 lead.

California led 30-18 at halftime with the Crimson Hawks coming back to trim the deficit to 48-42 with five minutes remaining when the Vulcans sealed the win with the next 12 points.

Ron Banks led California (14-4) with a game-high 16 points and also grabbed eight rebounds with five assists.

Ali Mbaye followed with 12 points while Theron Colao added 11 and Julian Logan 10.

Gerald Brooks was high for IUP (11-9, 3-2) with 15 points.

The win was the 100th in the PSAC West for Cal coach Bill Brown.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Belle Vernon Area upped its school record winning streak to 17 with a 93-51 romp over Yough behind Tom Parks'20 points.

Rick Webb poured in 33 points for the second straight night in Ringgold's 75-65 win over Laurel Highlands.

Reggie Allen scored 31 points in Monessen's 93-79 win over Connellsville.

Allen Moon's basket with seven seconds left gave Mon Valley Catholic a 59-58 upset win over Albert Gallatin.

Dennis Stitch scored a career high 31 points in Charleroi's 79-68 win over Thomas Jefferson.

20 Years Ago

Pittsburgh Steelers president Dan Rooney said the team talked to Kansas City about quarterback Todd Blackledge, who wants to be traded.

California University downed Edinboro, 95-89, in overtime behind Dana Zajicek's 28 points.

10 Years Ago

Chase Helon's 19 points were high in Monessen's 70-62 loss to Beth-Center.

Tim O'Rourke scored 27 points in Ringgold's 87-77defeat at Albert Gallatin.

Playing without leading scorer Matt Eisley sidelined with an injury, Belle Vernon Area extended its school record winning streak to 21 with a 60-47 victory over Brownsville behind Seth Miller's 24 points.

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SPORTS DIGEST

Monessen girls top state ranking

For the first time this season, the unbeaten Monessen High girls' basketball team is ranked first in the state in Class A with the Harrisburg Patriot News.

After being second the last month, the 23-0 Lady Greyhounds switched places with No. 1 North Catholic (19-4).

Monessen and North Catholic are the only WPIAL schools in the top 10.

Rounding out the top 10 are District 6's Bishop Guilfoyle (19-2), District 11's Marian Catholic (22-1), District 10's Farrell (18-2), District 11's Nativity BVM (21-3), District 9's Elk County Catholic (21-1), District 10's Eisenhower (15-5), District 9's Reading Central Catholic (18-5) and District 6's Penns Manor (17-3).

Depretis tricks Mon Valley Thunder

The winning streak is up to 23 for the once-beaten Indiana Ice Miners in the Class A Mid-Atlantic Hockey League.

The Mon Valley Thunder were the latest victim, dropping a 5-1 decision Saturday at the Ice garden.

Indiana's Justin Depretis, a Ringgold High graduate, showed why he's the league's top scorer with three goals and an assist.

Depretis, who has 51 goals and 32 assists, scored the lone goal in the first period and then gave the Ice Miners a 3-0 led with a second period goal. Depretis closed the scoring in the final period after K.C. Haney tallied the Thunder's lone goal.

Teague Willits-Kelley and Derek Porter had the other goals for the Ice Miners (29-1). The Thunder outshot the Ice Miners, 32-20.

The Thunder (10-15-3) resume Friday at Jamestown.

Ringgold elementary basketball set

Any boy in third through sixth grades in the Ringgold School District interested in playing in-house basketball must have their registration forms returned to their school secretaries by Tuesday.

For more information contact Ringgold athletic director Lloyd Price or coach Pete Logan at (724) 258-2208. The in-house games are played at Ringgold High on weekends.

California cagers in Metro victory

The California eighth grade Metro basketball team downed the Pittsburgh Jewish Community Center, 52-45, with Naz Victoria and Tanner Huffman both scoring 16 points. It was the third straight win for California (5-3).

Ringgold loses in overtime

The Ringgold High girls' basketball team will take a 17-7 record into the WPIAL Class AAA playoffs after closing with a 61-57 loss at Class AA power Canevin Saturday.

The trio of Emily Schartner (21), Alina Selby (16) and Jennie Affintio (11) combined for 48 points for the Lady Rams.

Kate McCaffrey topped Canevin (17-6) with 19 points including six in the overtime. Canevin's Megan Reffert scored six of her eight points in the extra period.

Thunder Midgets tie Artic Foxes

The Mon Valley Thunder Midget A Major hockey team played to a 5-5 tie with the Artic Foxes Sunday.

Robbie Wright had two goals and an assist with Jay Leppo and Erik Vogt both adding a goal and assist. Joe Guarinoni had the other goal with Pat McCormick and Donnie Halinka each adding an assist.

McCauley dunks Wake Forest

Former Yough High basketball star Ben McCauley saved the best for last Sunday. As a result, North Carolina State looked back on a thrilling last-second 67-65 victory over visiting Wake Forest.

McCauley's stickback dunk as time expired was the game winner for the Wolfpack.

Wake Forest's Ishmael Smith appeared to have forced overtime when he hit an acrobatic shot in th lane with five seconds left. McCauley inbounded the ball to Gavin Grant near midcourt, Grant raced downcourt and hoisted a 3-pointer that bounced off the rim.

McCauley leaped over two Wake Forest players and dunked the rebound through with his left hand at the buzzer.

McCauley finished with 11 points and three rebounds for N.C. State.

Trivia answer

Phil Simms and Ottis Anderson.

SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	29	17	5	63	166	144
Pittsburgh	29	19	4	62	152	140
New Jersey	29	20	3	61	134	125
N.Y. Rangers	27	22	6	60	137	136
N.Y. Islanders	24	23	6	54	128	153

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	32	17	4	68	182	155
Montreal	28	16	9	65	169	147
Boston	27	20	5	59	137	138
Buffalo	23	21	7	53	151	146
Toronto	21	24	9	51	150	172

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	26	25	4	56	165	177
Atlanta	26	25	4	56	152	180
Washington	24	24	5	53	152	166
Florida	24	25	5	53	137	153
Tampa Bay	21	27	5	47	153	178

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	40	10	4	84	182	113
Nashville	27	21	5	59	154	145
Columbus	25	23	6	56	133	138
St. Louis	24	20	7	55	131	144
Chicago	23	24	5	51	144	152

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	30	19	3	63	147	140
Colorado	28	21	4	60	150	147
Calgary	26	18	8	60	152	149
Vancouver	26	21	6	58	140	133
Edmonton	23	26	5	51	141	165

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	31	20	5	67	164	143
San Jose	29	16	7	65	139	126
Anaheim	27	22	7	61	136	146
Phoenix	27	22	3	57	143	142
Los Angeles	21	30	3	45	151	179

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Sunday's Game

N.Y. Rangers 5, Montreal 3

Today's Games

Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	29	1	0	58
Wooster	14	13	2	30
Jamestown	12	18	0	24
Mon Valley	10	15	3	23
Valley Forge	8	19	2	18

Saturday

Indiana 5, Mon Valley 1
Valley Forge 8, Wooster 4

Friday

Mon Valley at Jamestown, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Wooster at Mon Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Valley Forge at Indiana

College basketball scores

MEN

EAST

Army 68, Bucknell 52
Fairfield 76, Niagara 72
Loyola, Md. 74, Canisius 62
St. Peter's 78, Manhattan 68
Temple 93, George Washington 80

SOUTH

ETSU 72, Kennesaw St. 66
N.C. State 67, Wake Forest 65
North Carolina 84, Florida St. 73, OT
S.C.-Upstate 75, Mercer 49

MIDWEST

Indiana 75, Northwestern 63
Wisconsin 63, Minnesota 47

FAR WEST

Montana 59, E. Washington 57

WOMEN

EAST

Boston College 70, Miami 42
Bucknell 47, Army 46
Delaware 57, Northeastern 52
Drexel 66, Hofstra 51
Fairfield 72, Canisius 58
Iona 76, Niagara 58
Manhattan 82, Rider 49
Marist 79, Siena 70
Saint Joseph's 72, Massachusetts 66
St. Peter's 62, Loyola, Md. 57
West Virginia 70, Seton Hall 42
Wisconsin 77, Penn St. 59
Xavier 80, Rhode Island 63

SOUTH

Auburn 68, Mississippi St. 42
Clemson 66, Wake Forest 46
Georgia St. 66, Towson 64
Georgia Tech 83, Florida St. 73
Houston 80, UAB 76, OT
James Madison 69, William & Mary 53
LSU 85, Florida 71
Memphis 62, Rice 56
Mississippi 76, Alabama 47
Old Dominion 93, UNC-Wilmington 56
South Carolina 59, Arkansas 50
Tennessee 79, Kentucky 51
Va. Commonwealth 63, George Mason 51
Vanderbilt 61, Georgia 54

MIDWEST

Akron 78, N. Illinois 71
Buffalo 73, Ball St. 62
Dayton 64, St. Bonaventure 51
Iowa 81, Indiana 65
Nebraska 73, Missouri 67
Ohio St. 76, Minnesota 62
Purdue 62, Northwestern 53

SOUTHWEST

Chicago St. 66, Longwood 63
Oklahoma 74, Texas 58

FAR WEST

Washington 84, Washington St. 40

Wrestling

C-Houston 44, Ringgold 25

103 - McCarty, C-H; major dec. over Fafalios, 11-2.
112 - Mathies, R; major dec. over Dodd, 12-2.
119 - Lipari, C-H; dec. Arbes, 3-0.
125 - Lis, C-H; major dec. over Duda, 14-3.
130 - Innes, C-H; pinned Watson, 2:59.
135 - Trybend, C-H; pinned Vibostak, 3:26.
140 - Tokar, R; pinned Nichols, 3:40.
145 - Schneider, C-H; pinned I. Mathies, 1:24.
152 - Cappel, C-HJ; won by forfeit.
160 - Brown, R; dec. Packey, 7-5 (OT).
171 - Miller, C-H; pinned Iammarelli, :30.
189 - Miller, R; won by forfeit.
215 - Sloan, R; won by forfeit.
Hvy - Kista, C-H; dec. Clark, 5-2.

Martin Brodeur and the New Jersey Devils will host the Penguins at 7 p.m. on Versus.

Sports dial

Today

Television

7 p.m. - ESPN - Louisville at Marquette, college basketball.
7 p.m. - ESPN2 - North Carolina at Duke, women's college basketball.
7 p.m. - Versus - Pittsburgh at New Jersey, hockey.
9 p.m. - ESPN - Missouri at Kansas, college basketball.
11 p.m. - ESPN2 - Gonzaga at St. Mary's, college basketball.

PSAC standings

Men

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
California	5	0	14	4
Edinboro	5	0	15	4
Indiana	3	2	11	9
Clarion	2	3	10	9
Slippery Rock	2	3	4	15
Lock Haven	1	4	1	18
Shippensburg	0	6	6	15

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Cheyney	5	1	12	6
Kutztown	4	1	12	7
Millersville	3	2	14	6
Mansfield	2	3	14	6
East Stroudsburg	2	3	13	6
West Chester	2	3	10	9
Bloomsburg	0	5	8	11

Saturday

California 60, Indiana 47
Edinboro 78, Lock Haven 65
Cheyney 81, Kutztown 75
Slippery Rock 74, Shippensburg 72
Cheyney 81, Kutztown 75
Millersville 68, East Stroudsburg 66
Mansfield 79, West Chester 69

Today

West Chester at Felician

Tuesday

Cheyney at Univ.of Sciences

Wednesday

Edinboro at California (8 p.m.)
Indiana at Lock Haven
Slippery Rock at Clarion
Mansfield at Bloomsburg
Kutztown at East Stroudsburg
West Chester at Millersville

Women

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	4	1	19	2
California	4	1	17	3
Shippensburg	4	2	16	5
Clarion	3	2	13	6
Edinboro	1	4	11	8
Slippery Rock	1	4	7	13
Lock Haven	1	4	6	13

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	5	0	16	4
West Chester	4	1	12	7
Cheyney	3	3	6	13
Kutztown	2	3	9	11
East Stroudsburg	2	3	8	11
Mansfield	1	4	6	14
Bloomsburg	1	4	6	14

Saturday

Indiana 65, California 57
Shippensburg 74, Slippery Rock 58
Lock Haven 65, Edinboro 64
Millersville 72, East Stroudsburg 64
West Chester 77, Mansfield 68
Cheyney 77, Kutztown 66
Bloomsburg 54, Columbia Union 51

Wednesday

Edinboro at California (6 p.m.)
Slippery Rock at Clarion
Indiana at Lock Haven
Mansfield at Bloomsburg
Kutztown at East Stroudsburg
West Chester at Millersville

Cal U lineups

Men

California 60

Logan, 4-2-10; Hairston, 0-1-1; Brooks, 2-0-6; Banks, 8-0-16; Mbaye, 5-2-12; Sawyer, 0-0-0; Johnson, 1-0-2; Berenato, 0-0-0; Vaughn, 0-0-0; Colao, 3-3-11; Parker, 0-2-2. Totals: FG - 23 (43), F - 10 (17), T - 60.

Indiana - 47

Shaw, 1-0-3; Webb, 2-2-7; Christiansen, 3-0-8; Brooks, 6-0-15; Amadou, 3-2-8; Rocco, 0-0-0; Gartner, 1-0-2; Robinson, 2-0-4. Totals: FG - 18 (46), F - 4 (9), T - 47.

Halftime score: 30-18, California.
Three-pointers: California (4-11) Brooks 2, Colao 2. Indiana (7-19) Brooks 3, Christiansen 2, Shaw, Webb.

Women

Indiana - 65

Filla, 3-2-8; Miller, 3-3-9; Shope, 7-8-23; Heberling, 4-0-8; Tracy, 6-2-15; Withers, 0-0-0; Corle, 0-0-0; Claar, 1-0-2; Mpiumo, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 24 (64), F - 15 (22), T - 65.

Califofnia - 57

Johnson, 2-2-6; Williams, 2-1-5; Andrews, 5-1-11; Dubyak, 4-0-10; Smith, 5-0-10; Benick, 1-0-2; Mance, 6-1-13. Totals: FG - 25 (74), F - 5 (13), T - 57.

Halftime score: 27-26, Califofnia.
Regulation: 54-54.
Three-pointers: California (2-18) Dubyak 2. Indiana (2-11) Tracey, Shope.

High school boys' basketball rankings

Pennsylvania high school boys' basketball rankings from The Patriot-News of Harrisburg for the week of Feb. 3, with school's district in parentheses, followed by the school's record and last year's final ranking. NR means not ranked. Honorable mention teams listed alphabetically.

CLASS AAAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Chester	(1)	23-1	1
2. Pennsbury	(1)	23-1	2
3. Reading	(3)	23-0	3
4. Conestoga	(1)	20-4	6
5. McKeesport	(7)	17-2	4
6. Ridley	(1)	20-4	5
7. Schenley	(8)	20-2	9
8. Norristown	(1)	24-0	10
9. Lower Merion	(1)	18-6	7
10. Easton	(11)	21-3	NR

Teams to watch

Altoona (6) 15-6; Beth. Liberty (11) 20-4; Cathedral Prep (10) 16-5; C. Dauphin East (3) 20-3; McDowell (10) 19-2; North Allegheny (7) 21-2; Penn Wood (1) 18-6; Pittsburgh Central Catholic (7) 19-4.

CLASS AAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Susquehanna Twp.	(3)	22-1	2
2. General McLane	(10)	18-3	3
3. Commun. Tech	(12)	18-3	1
4. Chartiers Valley	(7)	22-2	4
5. Highlands	(7)	18-4	7
6. Steel-High	(3)	17-5	8
7. West York	(3)	18-5	9
8. Greencastle-Antrim	(3)	20-3	5
9. Hopewell	(7)	17-5	6
10. Great Valley	(1)	18-5	NR

Teams to watch

Blackhawk (7) 18-5; Crestwood (2) 16-4; Franklin (10) 15-6; Franklin Learning Center (12) 14-2; Holy Ghost Prep (1) 20-3; Milton (4) 21-2; Shamokin (4) 21-2; Uniontown (7) 18-3.

CLASS AA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Imhotep	(12)	20-2	2
2. Prep Charter	(12)	15-5	1
3. Strawberry Mansion	(12)	14-4	3
4. Beaver Falls	(7)	19-3	4
5. Jeannette	(7)	16-4	5
6. North East	(10)	20-1	6
7. Aliquippa	(7)	16-7	7
8. Farrell	(10)	19-3	9
9. Hughesville	(4)	18-2	10
10. Columbia	(3)	22-2	8

Teams to watch

Bishop McCort (6) 16-4; Delone (3) 21-2; Holy Cross (2) 18-2; North Catholic (7) 21-2; Northern Lehigh (11) 21-3; Trinity (3) 14-8; Wyoming Seminary (2) 18-1; York Catholic (3) 18-6.

CLASS A

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Serra Catholic	(7)	21-1	1
2. Scotland	(3)	15-3	2
3. Girard College	(1)	16-3	3
4. Coudersport	(9)	21-0	4
5. ND-E. Stroudsburg	(11)	15-7	5
6. DuBois CC	(9)	21-2	7
7. North Penn	(4)	20-1	9
8. Elk County Catholic	(9)	17-3	10
9. Kennedy Catholic	(10)	12-9	6
10. Bishop Guilfoyle	(6)	15-6	NR

Teams to watch

Delco Christian (1) 13-8; Faith Christian (1) 18-4; High Point Baptist (3) 19-2; Keystone (9) 16-4; Pius X (11) 14-7; Rocky Grove (9) 20-1; Saltsburg (6) 18-2; Williamsburg (6) 18-4.

High school girls' basketball rankings

CLASS AAAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Abington Heights	(2)	22-0	1
2. Downingtown East	(1)	22-1	2
3. Mt. Lebanon	(7)	21-2	3
4. Methacton	(1)	24-0	4
5. Butler	(7)	22-2	5
6. Wilson	(3)	20-3	6
7. Central Dauphin	(3)	17-6	7
8. Spring-Ford	(1)	22-2	9
9. Bethlehem Liberty	(11)	20-4	10
10. Norwin	(7)	23-0	NR

Teams to watch

Allentown Allen (11) 19-4, Central Mountain (6) 19-0 Hollidaysburg (6) 18-3, New Castle (7) 18-4, Northampton (11) 20-4, Pocono Mountain East (11) 20-1, State College (6) 16-3, Upper St. Clair (7) 18-4.

CLASS AAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Mercyhurst Prep	(10)	21-1	3
2. Mount St. Joseph	(1)	20-2	1
3. Allentown CC	(11)	23-2	2
4. Hampton	(7)	22-2	5
5. Eng. & Science	(12)	17-2	6
6. Villa Maria Academy	(1)	16-5	4
7. Hopewell	(7)	19-3	9
8. West Mifflin	(7)	20-3	10
9. General McLane	(10)	17-4	7
10. Lewistown	(6)	17-3	8

Teams to watch

Blue Mountain (11) 22-2, Boiling Springs (3) 21-2, Elizabeth Forward (7) 20-4, Indiana (7) 21-3, Lampeter-Strasburg (3) 21-2, Selinsgrove (4) 20-1.

CLASS AA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Villa Maria	(10)	18-4	1
2. Trinity	(3)	19-3	2
3. York Catholic	(3)	23-1	3
4. Bishop McCort	(6)	21-1	4
5. OLSH	(7)	21-1	5
6. Washington	(7)	22-1	6
7. Girard	(10)	20-2	7
8. Schuylkill Valley	(3)	21-3	8
9. Northern Cambria	(6)	20-1	9
10. Bodine	(12)	15-4	10

Teams to watch

Conemaugh Twp. (5) 19-3, Dunmore (2) 23-1, East Juniata (4) 20-1, Loyalsock (4) 19-1, North Star (5) 20-2.

CLASS A

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Monessen	(7)	23-0	2
2. North Catholic	(7)	19-4	1
3. Bishop Guilfoyle	(6)	19-2	3
4. Marian Catholic	(11)	22-1	4
5. Farrell	(10)	18-2	6
6. Nativity BVM	(11)	21-3	5
7. Elk County Catholic	(9)	21-1	10
8. Eisenhower	(10)	15-5	8
9. Reading CC	(3)	18-5	7
10. Penns Manor	(6)	17-3	9

Teams to watch

Coudersport (9) 20-2, Ferndale (6) 19-4, Geibel (7) 17-5, Keystone (9) 20-2, Williamsburg (6) 17-3.

High school basketball lineups

GIRLS

Canevin - 61

Kaczorowski, 4-2-10; Ambrose, 7-1-16; Yamatani, 1-1-3; McCaffey, 7-4-19; Bridge, 1-0-3; Gomber, 0-2-2; Pacconi, 0-0-0; Reffert, 4-0-8. Totals: FG - 24, F - 10 (14), T - 61.

Ringgold - Selby, 5-6-16; Schartner, 9-3-21; Affinito, 3-4-11; Leach, 2-2-6; Resanovich, 0-0-0; Meltzer, 1-1-3; Pantojas, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 20, F - 16 (23), T - 57.

Score by quarters:

Ringgold	10	13	12	12	10 - 57
Canevin	11	11	12	13	14 - 61

Three-pointers: Ringgold - Affinito. Canevin - McCaffrey, Ambrose, Bridge.

Latest Line

BEST BET: Atlanta is a solid 8-3 straight-up and vs. the spread its last 11 home games. The Hawks are also a respectable 12-6 vs. the spread as the betting favorite this season. Philadelphia is 0-7 straight-up and 1-6 vs. the spread its last 7 games when playing the first of back to back nights. This one belongs to the home team. Take Atlanta -5 for another Best Bet winner.

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
ATLANTA	5	Philadelphia
ORLANDO	3	Dallas
Toronto	7 1/2	MIAMI
NEW YORK	3	LA Clippers
Houston	5 1/2	MINNESOTA
UTAH	3	New Orleans
PHOENIX	14	Charlotte
PORTLAND	3	Denver
Chicago	1	SEATTLE

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
MARQUETTE	3 1/2	Louisville
ST. JOSEPH'S	5	Villanova
ARKANSAS ST	3	Middle Tenn St
KANSAS	20	Missouri
San Francisco	5 1/2	LOY. M'MOUNT
FRESNO STATE	17	Louisiana Tech
San Diego	3	PEPPERDINE
ST. MARY'S	2 1/2	Gonzaga
SANTA CLARA	12	Portland
Tenn Chatta.	5	W. CAROLINA
SIENA	5 1/2	Marist
CHARLESTON	17	The Citadel
GEORGIA SO.	3	NC Greensboro

NHL

Favorite	Goals	Underdog
NEW JERSEY	1/2-1	Pittsburgh
COLORADO	Even-1/2	Phoenix
Calgary	Even-1/2	EDMONTON

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	36	8	.818	—
Toronto	25	21	.543	12
New Jersey	20	27	.426	17 1/2
Philadelphia	18	29	.383	19 1/2
New York	14	33	.298	23 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	31	18	.633	—
Washington	24	22	.522	5 1/2
Atlanta	19	24	.442	9
Charlotte	18	30	.375	12 1/2
Miami	9	36	.200	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	34	13	.723	—
Cleveland	26	20	.565	7 1/2
Indiana	19	29	.396	15 1/2
Chicago	18	28	.391	15 1/2
Milwaukee	18	30	.375	16 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	32	14	.696	—
Dallas	31	15	.674	1
San Antonio	29	16	.644	2 1/2
Houston	27	20	.574	5 1/2
Memphis	13	34	.277	19 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	30	18	.625	—
Denver	28	18	.609	1
Portland	27	19	.587	2
Seattle	12	35	.255	17 1/2
Minnesota	10	36	.217	19

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	33	14	.702	—
L.A. Lakers	30	16	.652	2 1/2
Golden State	29	19	.604	4 1/2
Sacramento	22	24	.478	10 1/2
L.A. Clippers	14	30	.318	17 1/2

Saturday's Games

Atlanta 104, New Jersey 92
Orlando 121, Indiana 115
Cleveland 98, L.A. Clippers 84
Utah 110, Memphis 91
Houston 91, Milwaukee 83
Denver 117, Charlotte 101
Sacramento 105, Chicago 101
Seattle 86, New York 85

Sunday's Games

L.A. Lakers 103, Washington 91
Detroit 90, Dallas 67

Today's Games

Dallas at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at Utah, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Boston at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Memphis, 8 p.m.

High school basketball schedule

Today

Exhibition

Boys

Elizabeth Forward at Trinity
McGuffey at Bentworth

Girls

Bentworth at McGuffey

Sports moves

BASEBALL

National League

NEW YORK METS—Acquired LHP Johan Santana from Minnesota for OF Carlos Gomez, RHP Philip Humber, RHP Kevin Mulvey and RHP Deolis Guerra. Agreed to terms with Santana on a six-year contract and RHP Jorge Sosa on a one-year contract.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jon Rauch on a two-year contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Placed F Ladislav Nagy on injured reserve, retroactive to Jan. 18. Recalled C Brian Boyle and D Peter Harrold from Minnesota (AHL).

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Reassigned D Alain Nasreddine and F Jonathan Filewich to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL).

Big East basketball standings

MEN

	Conference	Overall
Georgetown	8-1	18-2
Notre Dame	6-2	16-4
Marquette	6-3	16-4
Connecticut	6-3	16-5
Louisville	6-3	16-6
Syracuse	6-4	16-7
Pittsburgh	5-4	17-5
West Virginia	5-4	16-6
Seton Hall	5-4	15-7
Cincinnati	5-5	10-12
DePaul	4-5	9-12
Villanova	3-6	13-7
Providence	3-6	12-9
St. John's	2-7	8-12
Rutgers	2-8	10-13
South Florida	1-8	10-12

Today's Games

Louisville at Marquette, 7 p.m.
Villanova at Saint Joseph's, 8 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

DePaul at Providence, 7:30 p.m.
South Florida at Georgetown

Wednesday's Games

Connecticut at Syracuse, 7 p.m.

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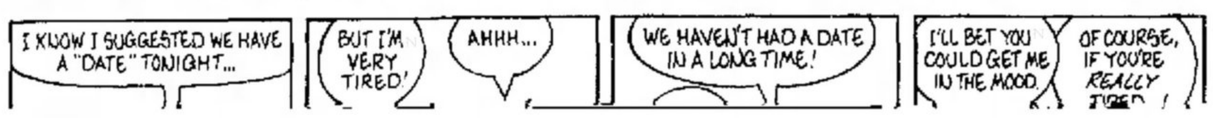
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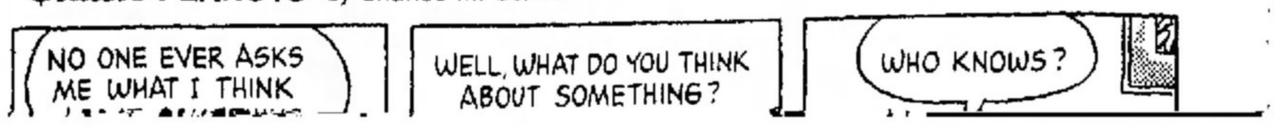

TV & ENTERTAINMENT

Pregnant teen can no longer hide affair with pastor

Dear ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I have a big problem. I am 16 years old, have a good job and do well in school. I go to a Christian non-denominational church every Sunday and enjoy that, too.

The problem is my pastor. "Reverend Ron" is 48, married, and has children and grandchildren. We have become attracted to each other and have secretly become a couple since last fall.

Every Monday night, after I get off work, I go over to my church and meet Reverend Ron in his office where we have sex. We agreed to tell no one, so as not to shame ourselves or our families.

Six weeks ago, I found out I was pregnant. I haven't told him yet, and we continue with our Monday night meetings. Abortion is not an option, but neither is shaming my family, much less the whole church. Abby, what do I do? — **IN TRUE LOVE IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR IN TRUE LOVE: The first thing you must do is tell your mother what you have told me. If there is any "shaming," it should not be directed at you, your family or your church. You are 16, idealistic and inexperienced. "Reverend Ron," however, is an adult who has literally abused his "sacred" trust to you, his congregation and his God. He had so little concern for your welfare that he didn't even use birth control. This is not how grown men show "true love."

You cannot hide this secret forever. At some point the truth will be revealed. Tell your mother now, so responsible adults who love you can give you the support you so desperately need. If you're afraid to speak to your mother alone, then have a friend with you when you do it. The only thing you CANNOT do is remain silent.

DEAR ABBY: My family is protesting a request I have made regarding the birth of my first child. I would prefer that my husband and I be alone with our newborn for at least the first 24 hours after the baby is born. I would like to contact my family the day after to invite them to the hospital.

Both our families can be very loud, as I witnessed firsthand last week when my sister-in-law had her first child. There were at least 20 relatives in her room after her C-section. It became so loud at one point that the nurse had to ask everyone to either leave the room or keep their voices at a moderate level.

I also saw how overbearing my mother was with my sister when she had her son several years ago. Mom says I'm "taking this experience away" from her, but I don't think it's her experience. It's my husband's and my experience. I truly feel it will be more peaceful if it's just my husband, me and our baby that first day. My husband has agreed to go along with whatever I request, but I know he'd prefer his family be present. Your thoughts, please? — **NO VISITORS IN LOUISIANA**

DEAR NO VISITORS: Your reasons for wanting peace, quiet, rest and time to recuperate are valid, and you should communicate them to your obstetrician and the nurses at the maternity ward — just in case news of your labor and delivery "slips out" prematurely. While I understand your husband's wish to have his family present, unless he's willing to undergo the procedure in your place, he should not only respect your wishes but make sure they are carried out.

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MONDAY EVENING — FEB. 4, 2008

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	News (N)	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric/ (7) Entertainment/ (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N)/ (7) Inside Edition/ (10) Two and a Half Men	How I Met Your Mother Ted's new girl is jealous.	Welcome to the Captain "Pilot" Eclectic neighbors. (Series Premiere) (N)	Two and a Half Men "City of Great Racks" Charlie sees Rose everywhere.	The New Adventures of Old Christine "The Big Bang" Worries. (N)	CSI: Miami "Bang, Bang, Your Debt" The CSI team finds evidence indicating that Tim Speedle may still be alive.		News (N)	Late Show With David Letterman Hillary Rodham Clinton. (N)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson (N)		(2) Extra/ (7) The Insider/ (10) Everybody Loves Raymond Debra helps Frank.	(2) (10) Paid/ (7) That '70s Show Eric needs to finance college.	(2) Paid/ (7) (10) CBS Up to the Minute (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News (N)/ (23) The Insider (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition/ (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Wheel of	Dance War: Bruno vs. Carrie Ann (N)			Notes From the Underbelly Julie's advice. (N)	October Road "We Lived Like Giants" A road trip to find the girl who saved Owen's life. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		(4) Oprah Winfrey/ (23) Paid	(23) Paid	(4) Paid/ (23) Jerry Springer (N)	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight (N)/ (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N)/ (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune (N)	American Gladiators Four previous contenders return for the beginning of the semi-finals. (N)			Deal or No Deal Ten $1 million cases are in play. (N)			News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night With Conan O'Brien (N)		Last Call With Carson Daly	Poker After Dark Alan "Boston" Dvorkis; Antonio Esfandiari; Mike Sexton; Mike Matusow; Jamie Gold; Paul Wasicka.	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show/ (53) Frasier	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld "The Wife" Jerry's girl poses as his wife.	Prison Break "Under and Out" Heavy rains force Michael to move up the escape. (N)		Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles "Heavy Metal" Sarah, Cameron and John. (N)		(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10	(8) Seinfeld Jerry stays at home to dog-sit.	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Seinfeld	(8) Frasier/ (53) Scrubs	(8) Air Bud 2/ (53) Scrubs	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Paid/ (53) Cheaters
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	On Q	Antiques Roadshow "Orlando, Florida" (N)		American Experience "Grand Central" (N)		Prince Among Slaves (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		On Q	Black Horizons	Nature "Parrots in the Land of Oz"		Masterpiece "Miss Austen Regrets"	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Gossip Girl "The Wild Brunch"		Girlfriends (N)	The Game (N)	The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Celebrity Exposé (N)		Paradise Hotel 2 (N)		TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4		Another Perfect Stranger (Premiere)			Life Message	Origins	Quick Study	CBN News	Richard and Lindsay Roberts	Joyce Meyer		Focus 4		In-Crosshairs	Myles Munroe
(59) WBGN	Temptation	Temptation	Degrassi	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	Movie				Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Slaughterhouse"		Intervention Heroin addiction.		Intervention "Brad" (N)		Paranormal	Paranormal	Paranormal	Paranormal	Intervention Heroin addiction.		Intervention "Brad"		Paranormal	Paranormal
ABCFAM	8 Rules	8 Rules	Grounded-Life	Grounded-Life	Kyle XY "Grounded" (N)		Wildfire "Calm" (N)		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Kyle XY "Grounded"		Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
AMC	★ ★ ★ ½ National Lampoon's Animal House (1978)				★ ★ ½ The Karate Kid (1984)					★ ★ ★ Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986)					★ ★ ★ Bull Durham (1988)			
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		Prehistoric Park "T-Rex"		Orangutan	Orangutan	Animal Precinct		Animal Precinct Dyed chicks.		Orangutan	Orangutan	Animal Precinct		Animal Precinct Dyed chicks.		Prehistoric Park "T-Rex"	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			Hell Date	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Comicview		Hell Date	Hell Date	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Comicview		BETJ Special	BETJ Special
BRAVO	The Millionaire Matchmaker		Inside the Actors Studio		Project Runway "On Garde!"		Project Runway		Make Me a Supermodel		★ ★ ★ Batman (1989)					★ ½ Friday the 13th, Part 2 (1981)		
CMT	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Gone Country		Gone Country	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		Touchdown Patriots Winning		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money		Touchdown Patriots Winning		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	The Royal Tenenbaums		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	South Park	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Drawn Toget	Drawn Toget
COURT	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Ocean Force	Ocean Force	Suburban	Suburban	Murder by the Book (N)		The Investigators		Ocean Force	Ocean Force	Suburban	Suburban	Murder by the Book	
CSPAN	Today in Washington				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	Survivorman		Survivorman		Bone Detectives (N)		MythBusters		Survivorman		Survivorman		Bone Detectives	
DISNEY	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	★ ★ A Goofy Movie (1995)			Minuscule	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Dragon	Buzz Light	Timon
E!	Eminem: The E! THS		E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Will Smith: Hollywd Story		Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	Billionaire Heiresses		E! News	Chelsea	The Daily 10	The Soup	Lindsay Lohan: True Story		Snoop Father	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter		College Basketball Louisville at Marquette.				College Basketball Missouri at Kansas.				SportsCenter		NFL Live (N)	Gamenight	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	Schwab	Schwab	In the Books	Boxing	Boxing: Augustus vs. Ward		Who's No. 1?		American Gladiators		In the Books	Boxing	The Contender		Wrestling	Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	NASCAR Now	Rome-Burning	Women's College Basketball North Carolina at Duke.				SportsCenter Special				College Basketball Gonzaga at St. Mary's.				ESPNU Inside the Polls (N)		NASCAR Now	X-Games
EWTN	One-Hearts	Santa Fe	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Letter-Spirit	Holy Rosary	Abundant Life		The World Over		Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Best of Mother Angelica Live	
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live (N)		Good Eats (N)	Secret Life of	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Final Score	Savran on SportsBeat		Panthers	Toughest Cowboy		Best Damn Top 50 Special		SportsBeat	Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		SportsBeat	Final Score	Final Score
FX	★ ★ ★ Robots (2005)			★ ★ ½ Starsky & Hutch (2004) Two detectives investigate a cocaine dealer.					★ ★ ★ Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (2003)					'70s Show	'70s Show	Married...	Paid	Paid
GOLF	Play Lessons	Golf Hawaii	U.S. Open Golf Highlights		Top 10	Golf Central	Trevino & Lopez		The Turn (N)	Learning	Lessons	Golf Central	Golf Hawaii	Play Lessons	The Turn	Learning	Lessons	Golf Central
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		High Stakes Poker		High Stakes Poker		High Stakes Poker		High Stakes Poker		Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		★ ★ A Season for Miracles (1999)				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Offbeat Amer.	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Color Splash	Hid Potential	Hid Potential	House	Buy Me	House	My First Place	Designed-Sell	Color Splash	Hid Potential	Hid Potential	House	Buy Me
HIST	Modern Marvels "Money"		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels (N)		Cities of the Underworld (N)		Ancient Discoveries (N)		Dogfights "P-51 Mustang"		Modern Marvels		Cities of the Underworld		Ancient Discoveries	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	Custody (2007)				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		MSNBC Documentary		MSNBC Documentary		Countdown-Olbermann		MSNBC Documentary		MSNBC Documentary	
MTV	True Life		True Life		Real World-Road Rules		Making the Band 4		Making the Band 4 (N)		True Life Anger struggles.		Making the Band 4		America's Best Dance Crew Casting Special			
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	Ned's School	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Home imp.	Home Imp.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
OXY	★ ★ ★ Love & Basketball (2000)				★ ★ ★ Love & Basketball (2000)				Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Janice Dickinson Modeling		The Tyra Banks Show		★ ½ Blind Date (1987)			
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs										PA Public Affairs				Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	News	NightTalk With Ann Devlin		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Honsberger	Fedko Fone	News			Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Legacy"		Star Trek: Enterprise		Star Trek: Enterprise		Star Trek: Enterprise		Star Trek: Enterprise		★ ★ ★ Ninja Scroll (1993) Premiere.				Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	The X-Files "Monday"	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		★ ★ ★ Cliffhanger (1993) Premiere.					CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Star Trek: Voyager		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine		Blade: Series
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Sex and City	Sex and City	★ ★ ★ Signs (2002)				★ ★ ★ Arachnophobia (1990)	
TCM	★ ★ ★ The Glenn Miller Story (1953)				★ ★ ★ Wings (1927) Silent. Two pilots vie for the love of the same woman.				★ ★ ★ ★ Sunrise (1927)				★ ★ ★ ½ The Broadway Melody (1929)				★ ★ ★ ★ 42nd Street (1933)	
TLC	Property Ladder		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	16 Children and Moving In		Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	16 Children and Moving In		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate
TNT	Law & Order "Absentia"		Law & Order "Birthright"		Law & Order "Sport of Kings"		Law & Order		Law & Order		The Closer		Without a Trace		Without a Trace "Kam Li"		Without a Trace	
TOON	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	Codename	Camp Lazlo	Foster	Courage-Dog	Grim Advent.	Gym Partner	Ed, Edd	Naruto	Family Guy	Boondocks	Boondocks	Death Note	Bleach	Fooly Cooly	Family Guy	Boondocks
TRAVEL	Grand Canyon: Great Escape		Top Ten Natural Wonders		Michael Palin's New Europe		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Michael Palin's New Europe		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain	
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Designing	Designing	Designing	Designing	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Just Shoot	Just Shoot	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford	Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		WWE Monday Night Raw				Attack Force (2006) An agent battles a psychotic drug dealer.				Monk Monk takes up painting.		★ ½ A Man Apart (2003)	
VH1	Rock of Love	The Flavor of Love Flav makes a decision.			The Flavor of Love		Flavor of Love 3 Casting Sp		Celebrity Rehab		Flavor of Love 3 Casting Sp		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		My Fair Brady	Scott Baio 46	Celebrity Rehab	
VS.	Holy ...!	Holy ...!	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at New Jersey Devils.					Hockey	Bull Riding PBR Built Ford Tough Series. From Albany, N.Y.		WEC WrekCage				Bull Riding PBR Built Ford Tough Series. From Albany, N.Y.			
WE	★ ★ ★ ½ You Can Count on Me (2000)				Danielle Steel's Mixed Blessings (1995)				Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Danielle Steel's Mixed Blessings (1995)			
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Vi		America's Funniest Home Vi		WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner Gas	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		The Steve Wilkos Show (N)	
ENC	★ ★ Spy Hard	★ ★ The Great Outdoors (1988)			★ ★ ★ ★ Dances With Wolves (1990) A Union officer befriends the Lakota.						★ ★ ★ Posse (1993)				★ ★ Rounders (1998)			
HBO	★ ½ The Wicker Man (2006)		Blackberry	Blackberry	Real Time With Bill Maher		In Treatment	In Treatment	★ ★ ½ Smokin' Aces (2007)				Comedy Jam	★ ★ ★ ½ United 93 (2006)				Normal Life
MAX	★ ★ The Omen (2006)		★ ★ ★ The Patriot (2000) A man and his son fight side by side in the Revolutionary War.						★ ★ ½ The Astronaut Farmer (2007)		Sin City Diaries 2: Inside Out (2007)				★ ★ An Occasional Hell (1996)			
SHOW	★ ★ G (2002)				★ ★ ½ Madea's Family Reunion (2006)				The L Word		★ ★ Basic Instinct 2 (2006)				★ ★ ★ ½ Trainspotting (1996) Premiere.		Hard Candy	
STARZ	Head Case	Hollywd Res.	★ ★ ★ Cars (2006)				★ ★ ★ The Pursuit of Happyness (2006)				★ ½ Pulse (2006)			★ ½ Haven (2004)			Anime: Drawing a Revolution	
TMC	★ ★ The Story of Us (1999)				★ ★ ★ Mission: Impossible III (2006) Premiere.				★ ½ Snake Eyes (1998)			★ ★ ★ Benny & Joon (1993) Premiere.				Stolen Sex Tapes (2002)		

FEATURES

Frugal Living

Give your cooking a pop

Sara **NOEL**

A reader once asked for a pot-roast recipe on my online discussion forums and got many recipes that included cola.

They claimed it tenderized the meat. This didn't sound appealing to me, so I forgot about it. Through the years, I noticed more people mentioning cakes, pies and meat recipes that included pop as the secret ingredient. I still wasn't convinced.

It wasn't until I read "Fix-It and Forget-It 5-Ingredient Favorites" by Phyllis Pellman Good (Good Books, 2007) that I finally decided to give readers' tried-and-true soda-pop recipes a try. I could kick myself for not trying these recipes sooner. Much like cooking with beer or wine, the flavor cooked isn't the same as when you drink it. Cakes turn out supermoist, and meats are tender and juicy.

I've heard pizza dough can be made with ginger ale, too. If you've tried this and have a recipe, let me know.

Here are some soda-pop recipes sent by readers.

Lemon-Lime Soda-Pop Cake

3 sticks butter, softened
3 cups sugar
5 eggs
3 cups flour
2 tablespoons lemon extract
3/4 cup lemon-lime soda

Glaze:
1-1/3 cups powdered sugar
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Preheat oven to 325 F. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Gradually add eggs, one at a time. Add flour, lemon extract and lemon-lime soda. Pour into well-greased Bundt pan. Bake at 325 F for 1 hour, 15 minutes.

Mix together powdered sugar and lemon juice to make glaze and drizzle on top of cake once cooled.

Optional: Dust with powdered sugar instead of glaze.

— submitted by Maryann, Kentucky

7 Up Biscuits

4 cups Bisquick baking mix
1 cup sour cream
6 ounces 7 Up

Preheat oven to 400 F. Place baking mix in a mixing bowl, and cut in sour cream until mix is crumbly. Add 7 Up and combine by hand. Don't overhandle. Roll onto floured surface to about 1/2-inch thickness. Drop or cut with biscuit cutter and place on greased baking sheet. Bake for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 15.

— submitted by Holly, New York

Honey Ginger-Ale Ham

6 pounds semi-boneless ham
1 (12 ounce) can ginger ale
1 cup water
1/4 cup molasses
several whole cloves
2 tablespoons honey mustard
3/4 cup brown sugar

Pour ginger ale, water and molasses over ham. Cover with foil and bake in preheated 350 F oven for 90 minutes. Add more water if liquid cooks off. Once ham is cooked, dot ham with whole cloves. Mix honey mustard and brown sugar to form a paste. Spread it on and bake until the glaze melts.

— submitted by Annie H., Illinois

Cola Pork Roast

1 Boston butt pork
1 (12 ounce) can cola
1 can cream-of-mushroom soup
1 package onion soup mix

Place roast in a slow cooker. Mix cola, mushroom soup and onion soup mix. Pour over pork roast. Cook on low for 7 hours.

— submitted by Amy, Ohio

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CALENDAR WATCH

Tuesday

■ Managing your Diabetes, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 8:30 a.m.

■ Allison Lescanic VFW Post 1190 meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7 p.m.

■ Pancake dinner, Dunlevy United Methodist Church, 5 to 7 p.m.

■ Pre-school program, Mingo Creek County Park, 10 to 11:15 a.m. and 1 to 2:15 p.m.

■ Pancake supper, Newell United Methodist Church, 4 to 6 p.m.

■ Pancake and sausage dinner, St. Mary Church, Charleroi, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.

■ Bi-Polar and Affective Disorders Group meeting, St. Michael Orthodox Church, Monessen.

■ Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce TEAM Charleroi Education Committee meeting, Charleroi Area School superintendent's conference room, 8 a.m.; Economic Restructuring/Housing Options Committee meeting, chamber building, 1:30 p.m.

■ Kindergarten registration, Bentworth Elementary Center, by appointment time.

■ Clothing ministry, Fellowship Baptist Church, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Ringgold Rams Gridiron Club meeting, high school, 7 p.m.

■ Monessen Tobacco Free Coalition meeting, Monessen Public Library, 10 a.m. to noon.

■ Mon Valley Branch NAACP meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7 p.m.

■ Pancake dinner, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Monessen, 4 to 7 p.m.

■ Mid Mon Shipmates meeting, James C. Ford Post 949 American Legion, Carroll Township, refreshments, 6 p.m., meeting, 7 p.m.

■ Free tax preparation for low and medium income with special preference to ages 60 and older, Monessen Senior Center, (724) 684-6105.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Southwestern Local Task Force to meet

The Southwestern Local Task Force will meet 10 a.m. Thursday at the Intermediate Unit 1 Central Office, 1 Intermediate Unit Drive, Coal Center. Toni Lozar will speak on the extended school year. Parents of children with disabilities are encouraged to attend as well as personnel from agencies in the Washington, Greene and Fayette counties. For information, call 1-800-328-6481, extension 205. In the event of inclement weather, call 1-800-328-6481, extension 205 or check the Web site at www.iu1.org.

Fish fry scheduled at senior center

Crosskeys Human Services Inc., Brownsville Senior Center, 320 Shaffner Ave., Brownsville, will hold a fish fry 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and each Friday through the Lenten season, including Good Friday. Fish sandwiches, French fries and cole slaw will be sold. For takeouts, call (724) 785-6180, extension 12. Proceeds will benefit the homebound meal program.

Weekly fish fry set in Monessen

Wayman-Quinn A.M.E. Church, Reed and McKee, Monessen, will hold its annual Lenten fish fry each Saturday during Lent. Dinners and sandwiches will be available. For takeouts and delivery, call (724) 684-9039.

Dance scheduled at Center in the Woods

Music by the Best of Times will be featured 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Center in the Woods, California. The admission charge includes sandwiches, snacks, desserts and beverages. For reservations, call (724) 938-3554.

Italian for Kids offered at YMCA

The Mon Valley YMCA, Carroll Township, will offer Italian for Kids classes beginning the week of Feb. 11 and Monday afternoons or Wednesday evenings, depending on the age of the child. Instructor is Natalee Amati Russo. Class will run for 12 weeks. For information or registrations, call (724) 483-8077.

Jam sessions set at Center on the Hill

Jam sessions are held 1 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Center on the Hill, 100 Summit Road, Belle Vernon. Participants can listen to or play their favorite gospel, blue grass, country or other kinds of songs. For information, call (724) 930-8512.

Fish, fried dough sale scheduled

A fish fry and fried dough sale will be held 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each Friday during Lent, except Good Friday, at St. John Episcopal Church, Tenth and Thompson, Donora. The menu will include fish sandwiches, French fries, cole claw, halushki, onion soup, fried dough, crab cakes, shrimp, macaroni and cheese. For takeouts, call (724) 379-8871.

Valley Grapevine deadline set

Items for Valley Grapevine should be submitted at least five publishing days prior to scheduled meetings or events.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: B equals U

"UOJ MTWP EMNNJEU GEUDMTR GNJ UOMRJ UOGU XJZGTX TM JHKWGTGUDMT GTX TM GKMWMLP." - EMGEO NJX GBJNVGEO

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "The youth of the present day are quite monstrous. They have absolutely no respect for dyed hair." - Oscar Wilde

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FOSAMAX
HEALTH WARNING

The osteoporosis drug Fosamax (generic name - Alendronate) has been linked to a serious bone disease called **osteonecrosis.**

Osteonecrosis is a condition where the blood supply to part of the bone is cut off and the bone begins to die. The word osteonecrosis literally means "bone death."

There are three main types of osteonecrosis linked to Fosamax:

- **Osteonecrosis Of The Hip**
- **Osteonecrosis Of The Knee**
- **Osteonecrosis Of The Jaw (ONJ) or "dead jaw"**

Symptoms Of Osteonecrosis Of The Knee Include:
- Increased Pain With Activity And At Night
- Swelling Inside And Over The Knee
- Heightened Sensitivity Around The Knee

Symptoms Of Osteonecrosis Of The Hip Include:
- Pain In The Groin
- Pain With Hip Movement
- Difficulty Walking

Symptoms Of Osteonecrosis Of The Jaw (ONJ) Or "Dead Jaw" Include:
- Loosening Of Teeth
- Severe Infections
- Swelling

If you or a loved one has suffered any of the serious side effects listed above,

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February is certainly a magical month– spring is on the way and love is in the air, which means a gift of dazzling profits for your business. But there's more to this month than Valentine's Day, and our timely features tap into a number of ways to connect with more potential customers.

Here are some of February's other highlights:

Belle Vernon/Rostraver Community Directory
Mon Valley Regional Chamber Tab
Greater Rostraver Chamber Tab
Donora Community Directory
Monessen Chamber Tab
Valentines Day
Spring Bridal
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AS HEARD ON PAUL HARVEY NEWS

Famous EdenPURE® portable heater that can cut your heating bill up to 50% is now much better

Heats a large room in minutes with even heat wall to wall and floor to ceiling

Does not get hot, cannot start a fire and will not reduce humidity or oxygen

RECORD HEATING BILLS PREDICTED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THIS YEAR

By John Whitehead, Media Services

The famous infrared portable heater, the EdenPURE®, which can cut your heating bills by up to 50%, has been greatly improved.

The new heater heats better, faster, saves more on heating bills and runs almost silent.

The federal government has recently reported that winter heating bills are expected to reach a record this year. For some people, heating bills will increase up to 30% compared to last year.

You have probably heard about the remarkable EdenPURE® as heard on Paul Harvey News and on television features across the nation.

The EdenPURE® can pay for itself in a matter of weeks and then start putting a great deal of extra money in your pocket after that.

And that's just the start of the benefits for the new EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater.

A major cause of residential fires in the United States is portable heaters. But the EdenPURE® cannot cause a fire. That is because the quartz infrared heating element never gets to a temperature that can ignite anything.

The outside of the EdenPURE® only gets warm to the touch so that it will not burn children or pets. Pets can sleep on it when it is operating without harm.

The EdenPURE® will also make you healthier. That is because, unlike other heating sources, it will not reduce humidity or oxygen in the room. Typical heating sources reduce humidity which dries out your sinuses, makes you more susceptible to disease and makes your skin dry. With other heating sources, you'll notice that you get sleepy when the heat comes on because they are burning up oxygen.

The advanced space-age EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater also heats the room evenly, wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling. Other heating sources heat rooms unevenly with most of the heat concentrated high in the room and to the center of the room. And, as you know, portable heaters only heat an area a few feet around the heater. With the EdenPURE®, the temperature will not vary in any part of the room.

Unlike other heating sources, the EdenPURE® cannot put poisonous carbon monoxide into a room or any type of fumes or any type of harmful radiation.

The new improved models are the Model 1000-XL and the Model 500-XL. See the improvements provided on this page. For more details on the amazing EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater, here is my interview with Julius Toth, Director of Product Development for BioTech Research®.

Q. What is the origin of this amazing heating element in the EdenPURE®?

A. This advanced heating element was discovered accidentally by a man named John Jones. He had a large old farmhouse that was impossible to heat. Jones had a coal furnace in his basement. Jones placed a sheet of cured copper near the furnace to store it. Cured copper is a type of copper that goes through an extensive heating process to give it special properties.

After the fire went out in the coal furnace, Jones noticed that the sheet of copper was heating his entire basement evenly, even though the furnace was no longer putting out heat. He also was amazed as to how long the heat stayed in the copper and continued to warm the room.

Jones was so taken back by this that he started to experiment. He formed a company to develop a heating source out of this cured copper. But Jones had a number of children and he did not want a heating source that would cause a fire or create other hazardous situations like creating carbon monoxide or radiation. He also did not want his children to get burned.

To make a long story short, through a great deal of research and development, Jones developed a heating source that utilized commercial infrared quartz tubes.

Q. What advantages does infrared quartz tube heating source have over other heating source products?

A. John Jones designed his heating source around the three most important consumer benefits: economy, comfort, and safety. The final development of this infrared quartz heat source cannot be matched by any other heating system in the world.

In the EdenPURE® system, electricity is used to generate infrared light which, in turn, creates a very safe heat. Infrared is the safest form of heat because it does not create carbon monoxide or harmful radiation. And, most importantly, infrared heat does not reach a burning temperature.

After a great deal of research and development, very efficient infrared heat chambers were developed that utilize three unique patented solid copper heat exchangers in one EdenPURE® heater. Over 5 years of research, development and real life field testing stand behind this heat source. It has now worked in residential and commercial applications worldwide for over 25 years.

Q. Why is it that this quartz infrared heating source uses less energy to create heat than other sources?

A. Actually, there is more than one reason. One of the primary reasons is that heat at combustion level, which is what all other heat sources use, causes the heat to instantly rise to the ceiling. Therefore, the heat is not evenly distributed, causing a very inefficient and uncomfortable heat source.

The EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater does not use burning heat. Once the heat exchanger absorbs the infrared heat, it exhales the heat into the living area which is carried by the existing humidity in the air. This causes the heat to travel rapidly and evenly throughout a room.

In actual studies, photos using infrared lighting demonstrated that the heat was almost perfectly even from floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall. The EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared efficiency is based on the distribution of energized air, not on just fan movement. This heat is coined as "soft heat" due to how comfortable it is.

Q. What are the other disadvantages of combustion heat sources?

A. Heat sources that are above the burning level have many unhealthy side effects. One of these is that it creates dry, irritating indoor air. It also burns a great deal of oxygen in the air. If you remember, when you sit in front of a fireplace or a portable heater or close to a heat source, you will remember yawning. This is because you are not getting enough oxygen.

This dry irritating heat and lack of oxygen dries out sinuses and mucus in the throat, and makes people susceptible to disease. The lack of oxygen causes fatigue.

Also, many combustible heat sources produce carbon monoxide, static cling, and some produce radiation.

Q. So you're saying that children or pets can come up to this unit and touch it and not be harmed?

A. That is absolutely correct. As a matter of fact, pets are actually drawn to this heat because it is a natural source of heat, just like the sun heats the earth. Animals are much more instinctive than humans. This heat not only heats the air, but it also heats the objects in the room. It is a perfectly balanced heat.

Q. How can a person cut their heating bill by up to 50% with the EdenPURE®?

A. First, the EdenPURE® uses less energy to create heat than other sources, but that is just part of why it will cut a person's heating bill. The EdenPURE® will heat a room in minutes. Therefore, you can turn the heat down in your house to as low as 50 degrees, but the room you are occupying, which has the EdenPURE®, will be warm and comfortable. The EdenPURE® is portable. When you move to another room, it will quickly heat that room also. This can drastically cut heating bills, in some instances, by up to 50%.

Q. I also understand that the EdenPURE® produces clean fresh air without furnace filters. How can it do that?

A. A furnace generates a lot of dust due to the combustion. By lowering the furnace temperature, you are using your furnace less and therefore reducing the requirement for the furnace filters. Also, when there's no combustion, there are no harmful fumes.

Q. So, the EdenPURE® is totally safe to use?

A. It absolutely is. The EdenPURE® has zero clearance, which means you can push it up against the wall or furniture without risk of fire. Tests prove the unit does not transmit any energy into the atmosphere that will burn or harm anyone regardless of distance between the person and the EdenPURE®.

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End of interview.

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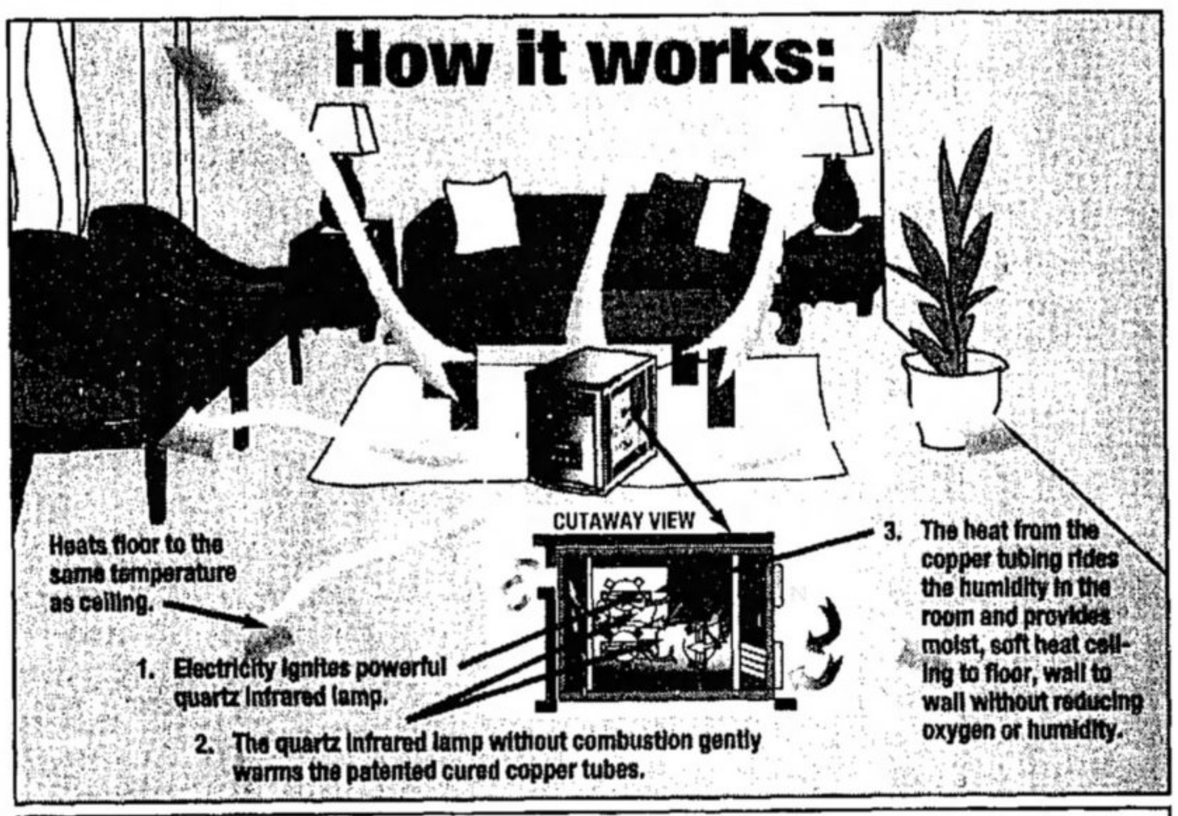
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5) The XL is much more reliable. The thermostat and electronics are all solid state and the infrared bulbs are greatly improved to last for a very long time.

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In the year ahead, there is a strong possibility that you will be meeting a unique individual who views life in more imaginative ways than most. This relationship will broaden your outlook in productive and fun ways.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Under your deft management, potential problem situations can be handled effectively; so don't assign these types of dilemmas to others. You will recognize what needs to be done better than most.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- It behooves you to move at a measured pace where you can perform your tasks at the peak of efficiency. Take the necessary time to study each move carefully instead of heedlessly plunging forward.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Take advantage of any opportunity that arises to get to know someone with whom you always thought you might have a lot in common, especially if this person is a work-related associate. The union will flourish.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Be persistent in advancing those objectives that are important to you or to your career. Something of real significance and longevity can be accomplished at this time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Your imagination and experiences are your most valuable assets, so depend more upon them than on other people's ideas or suggestions. Your own perceptions will prove best in the long run.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- To your credit, you will give unselfishly of your time and talents when you see others are in need of assistance. You may be called upon to rectify something that you can do better than they can.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- In order to generate the cooperation from others that you believe you should get, you must first demonstrate that what you intend to accomplish is of equal value to them as it is for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- This can be a productive day, especially if you are the one who establishes your own pace and schedule. Don't permit another who isn't your boss to set the program, stride or agenda. Be your own person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- It is all up to you whether or not this is a pleasant day socially. If you're outgoing and friendly, others will be as well. If you're withdrawn or uppity, you can expect the same in return.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Spending time at one of your favorite haunts with friends is unlikely to provide as much warmth and fun as inviting everyone over to your place will. People are drawn to the real you in your own environment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Being on the go could help soothe your restless spirit, so target several nearby destinations to visit, both for social or business purposes, where you can make brief visits without getting bored.

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Copies of the Contract Documents and Drawings may be reviewed at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301. Contract Documents and Drawings may be purchased for a non-refundable fee of $75.00 made payable to the Washington County Commissioners. Bid packages will be mailed for an additional non-refundable fee of $20.00. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on February 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. All interested parties are to meet at the Public Safety EOC Room, located at 100 West Beau Street, C-Level, Washington, PA 15301 of the Courthouse Square Office Building. At this time, all interested parties will be shown the location. Interested parties are encouraged to attend a pre-bid meeting, as there will be no other times available to view locations.

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You may obtain the above-mentioned bid proposal from the Washington County Web Site at www.co.washington.pa.us. Vendors receiving bids from the web site are responsible for checking for contract changes at the web site.

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Sealed bids must be in the hands of the Board Secretary or his authorized representative by 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Monday, March 3, 2008. Any bid(s) received after the date and time specified will be returned to the bidder unopened.

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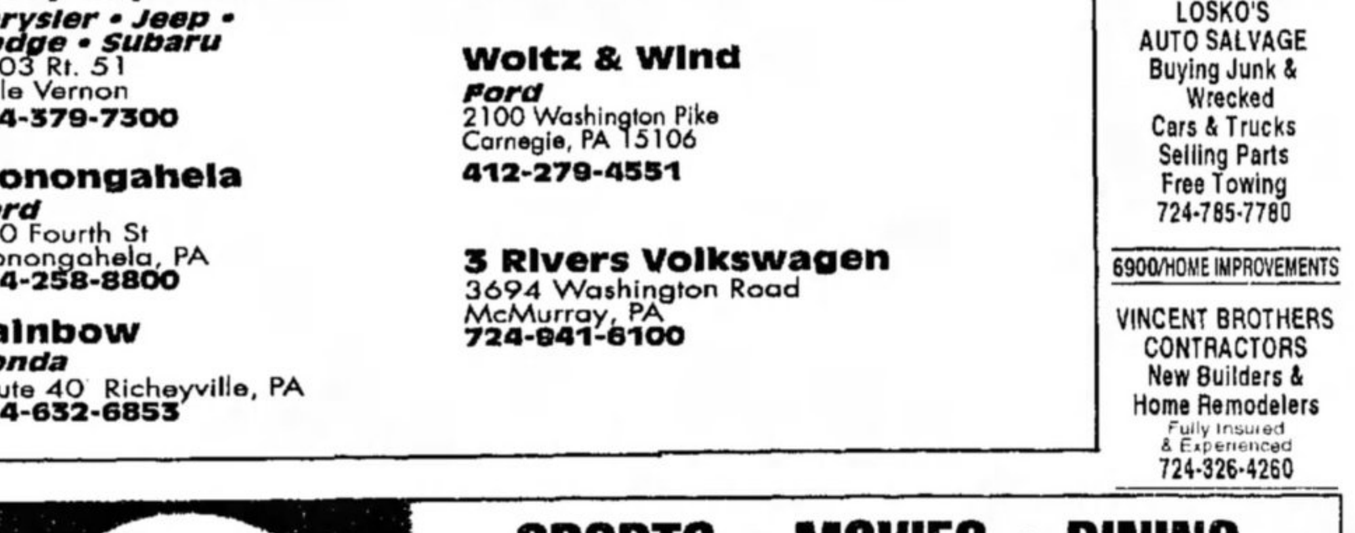

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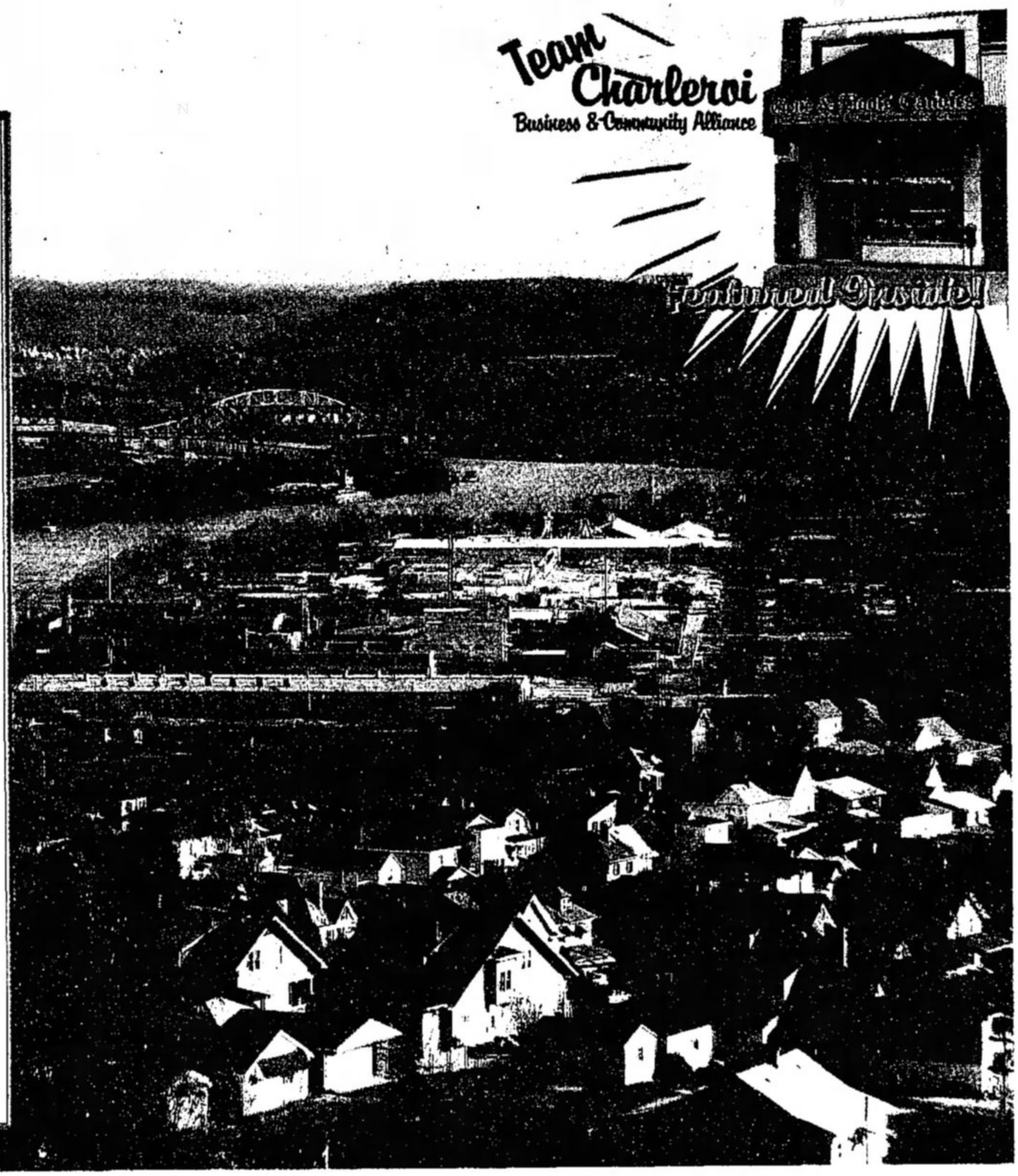

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President's message

New year brings new opportunities

By ARMAND FERRARA

Armand Ferrara

It seems hard to believe that it's "that time" again and that another year has passed. And as I write this the first half of the first month is already over. Where does the time go ?

What a year ! There wasn't a lot of good news in the real estate industry, and there surely was far too much bad news.

That is also true for our sputtering economy, the U.S. dollar, oil prices, our image to the world, and the many families who have loved ones fighting wars with no end in sight.

As Auld Lang Syne rang out on Dec. 31, we can bid this embattled year good-bye and welcome in the New Year, not yet spoiled and loaded with hope.and promise. Auld Lang Syne means "Old long ago" or "the good old days." A lot of us are wishing for the good old days.

Trouble is, however, that these are the good old days, and they haven't been so hot. We all want things to go back to the way they were when we were the happiest. That just isn't in the cards. Change is among the only constants in life and in business.

So, figuring that you probably already have a list of New Year's resolutions concerning your personal goals for 2008,

I thought I would suggest a few for you to consider; you can put them right next to " lose weight" or "quit smoking." The difference is that how you adapt to what should be your new resolutions about business will determine if you remain successful.

1. Resolve to accept that the way things were in the past is not the way they are going to be again, at least for the foreseeable future.

2. Resolve to believe and to remember that your expertise is more valuable than ever. Commit right now to educating your customers and clients why that is so.

3. Resolve today to stop saying "Business is in the toilet" or other similar things to anyone ... misery loves company, but success attracts clients.

4. Resolve to becoming an internet marketer because that is one segment of the marketplace that is still bustling and is likely to remain so.

5. Resolve to stop doing things the same old way.

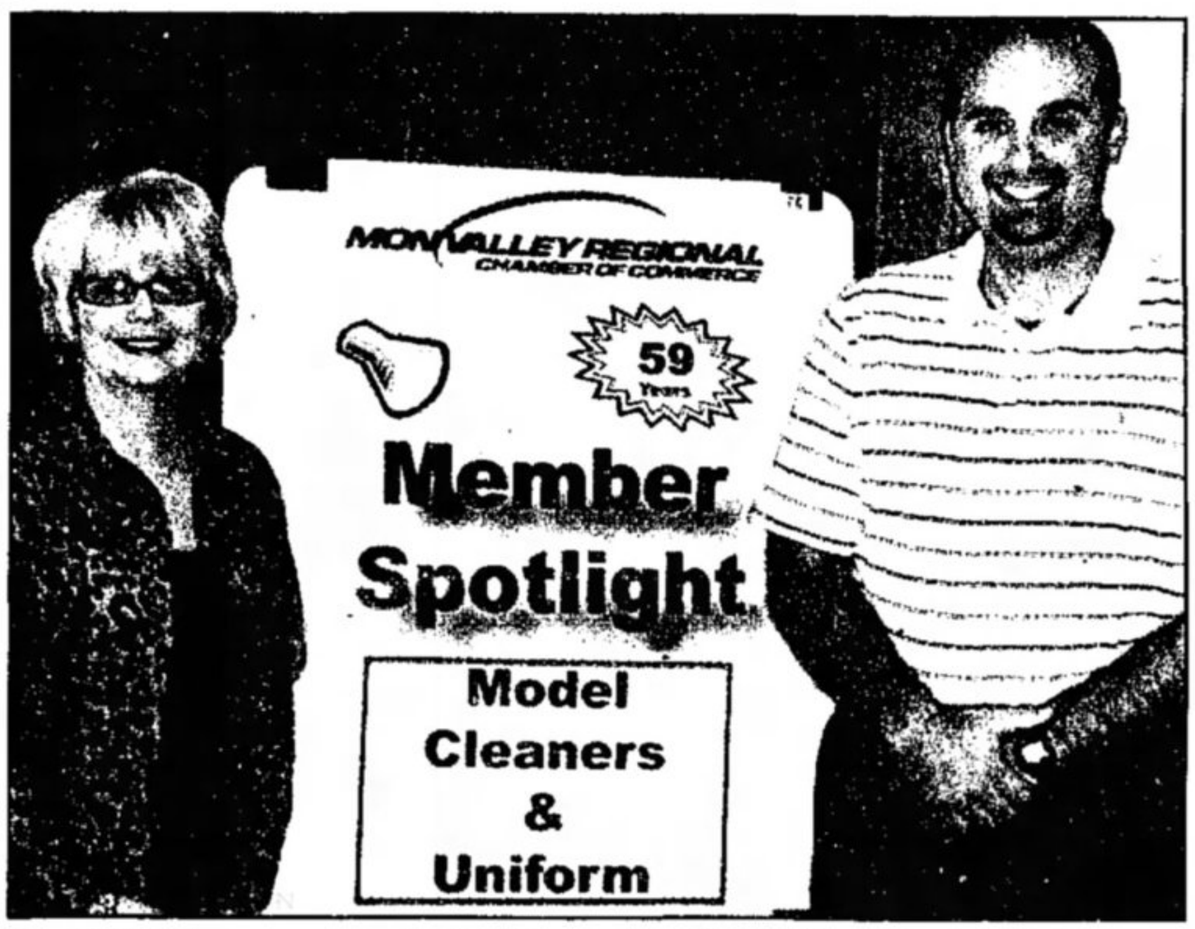
In closing, I'd like to suggest that we remember our 2007 customers and clients with gratitude; that we remember all those who have helped us with gratitude; that we remember our family and our friends with gratitude and that we all remember what that song that I spoke of earlier really means ... appreciate what you have and be thankful for it.

Life is about relationships, not money. Money is only a tool for living, not the reason for it.

So to one and all, a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Chamber 'Member Spotlight' awards

Dee's Record & Video was chosen as the Mon Valley Regional Chamber's "Member Spotlight" for January. This honor coincides with the 70th anniversary in business for Dee's, which was started by Norman and Louis Alterici in 1938. Present owner of Dee's Mark Alterici, son of Norman and grandson of Louis, accepts congratulations from Deb Keefer, Chamber director. Dee's has been a Chamber member for 60 years.



Model Cleaners and Uniform is the Chamber's February Member Spotlight. Started in the early 1900s, it was taken over by the LaCarte family in 1985. The company grew rapidly and now employs 200 full- and part-time employees. It recently bought Fidel Cleaners, a six-store chain out of Bridgeville, which increases Model's locations to 14 stores, increasing employment at the Charleroi plant by 10, and an additional 10 people more will be employed at the store locations. With Deb Keefer, Chamber Director, is Joe LaCarte, General Manager of the Uniforms Division. John LaCarte is Model's President.

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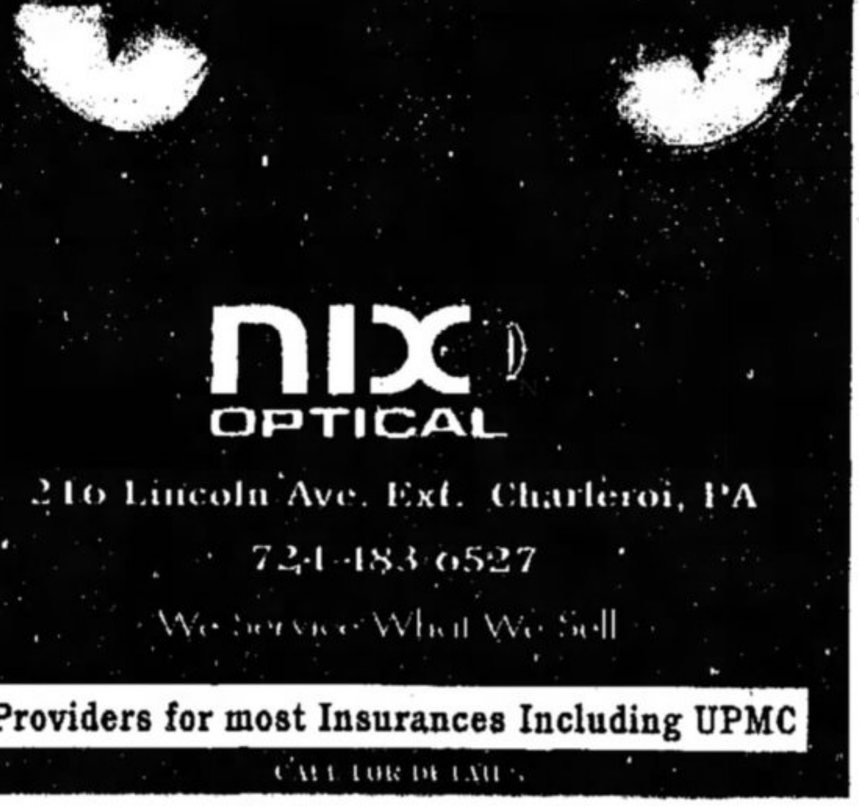

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February luncheon features Burns

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce February luncheon will feature Washington County Commissioner Bracken Burns on Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Charleroi Elks, 301 Fallowfield Avenue.

Burns will address the County's economic climate and its impact in the Mon Valley region. A question-and-answer period will follow.

"We are pleased that Bracken is our first speaker of the year; he is a serious leader with an engaging style," said Deb Keefer, Chamber Director. "It is no wonder the Chamber is taking an above average amount of reservations for this event."

The Chamber's Pot of Gold is an accumulating jackpot that is now worth $550 and will be won by a member who is present if their name is drawn at the event. Members can make reservations at a cost of $15 per person. Non-members are welcome to attend for $18 per person. Attendees may register by calling the Mon Valley Regional Chamber office at (724) 483-3507, or by downloading a registration form at www.mvrchamber.org, which can be faxed or mailed. The Chamber now accepts VISA, Mastercard and Discover.

Upcoming dates to remember

- Tuesday, Feb. 12 – Luncheon, Charleroi Elks Club, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring Washington County Commissioner Bracken Burns.
- Wednesday, Feb. 27 – Red Carpet Launch Party with Comcast Spotlight, River House Café, 506 McKean Avenue, Charleroi, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 13 – Luncheon, Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, Monongahela Valley Hospital, 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., featuring Rebecca Toomey, U. S. Chamber of Commerce.
- Tuesday, May 13 – Luncheon, The Willow Room, 800 Plaza Drive, Belle Vernon, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Jeff Tobe, a nationally recognized motivational speaker.
- Tuesday, May 13 – Jeff Tobe Workshop – "Coloring Outside the Lines," The Willow Room, 1:30 p.m.

Hall of Fame banquet moving

The Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame banquet will move from the campus of California University of Pennsylvania to The Willow Room in Rostraver Township.

The banquet will be held Friday, June 13, at 6 p.m.

Between six and eight new Hall of Fame members will be added to the roll of 169 past inductees. The selection committee is presently working on the picks for this year.

Committee members include Chairman Brian Herman, Rudy Andabaker, Carl Crawley, Jr., Wally Gibbons, William Kubin, Bap Manzini, Elmo Natali, Bob Petriello, Ron Paglia, P. Bud Roman, Steve Russell, and Reid Smith.

Sixteen senior student scholar-athletes will also be honored at the banquet from the eight schools comprising the Mid Mon Valley including Belle Vernon Area, Brownsville, California, Charleroi, Elizabeth-Forward, Monessen, Ringgold, and Yough High. Recently two new members were added to the Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors. They include Debbie Keefer and Jimmy Chacko.

Ticket prices for this year's banquet are $35 and can be purchased by sending a check to the Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame Executive Office 500 Perry Avenue Belle Vernon, PA 15012. Any questions concerning the banquet can be forwarded to the previous address or you can e-mail your request to Stephen.russell@bellevernonarea.net.

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Coury said his restaurant is a family business and parents are welcome to bring their children into the shop. He even keeps Hi-C juice drinks in the cooler and a box of toys under the counter for young visitors. These little gestures just prove the motto on Coury's menu to be true. It says "La vostra familia fa parpe alla nostra our familia", in other words, your family is part of my family.

Coury is no stranger to the restaurant business. When he was only 13 or 14 years old he told his father, who had just retired from the restaurant business, that he wanted to open his own restaurant. His mother cried because she knew what her son was in for, 20 hours, day and night of work.

However, he knew what he wanted, and when Coury was 19, he opened his first pizza shop. Why did he choose the pizza business?

"I love pizza, I really do. I bet I've eaten pizza everyday of my life for the last 40 years," Coury said.

Coury's pizza isn't just any old pizza. Customers can choose between the traditional red sauce, or the white sauce, made with just the right amount of butter and garlic. The choice of crust type is also left to the customer. A traditional crust, a thin crust or Sicilian thick crust are the choices.

Coury also uses only provolone and parmesan cheese imported from Italy. The parmesan cheese costs $18 per pound.

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Coury said he felt the best part about the business, besides customers, was training young people. Over the years he has trained thousands of young workers, some of them who have gone on to become big shots in the pizza business.

Coury said he trained a young man years ago who is now the owner of 118 Papa John's pizza shops. He also trained a young man named Jeff, who now oversees Pizza Hut stores in 30 states.

"I employ local people. I like to believe that I am teaching the youth a good work ethic," Coury said.

The food Coury makes is always the same. "It's consistent and it is good. If you like it, you'll like it today, tomorrow and the next day," he said.

All of Coury's restaurants have an "Open Kitchen" so the customers can see where their meal is prepared." "I dare some of the other restaurants to do that," says Coury.

Casey Martin, Paolo's manager says of her boss, "He is obsessed about cleaning. He insists that everything be near sterile." I have never known anyone who cares more about people who work for them. If we have a problem, he sees it as one of his own; and in no time he finds a solution."

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Angels recruiting

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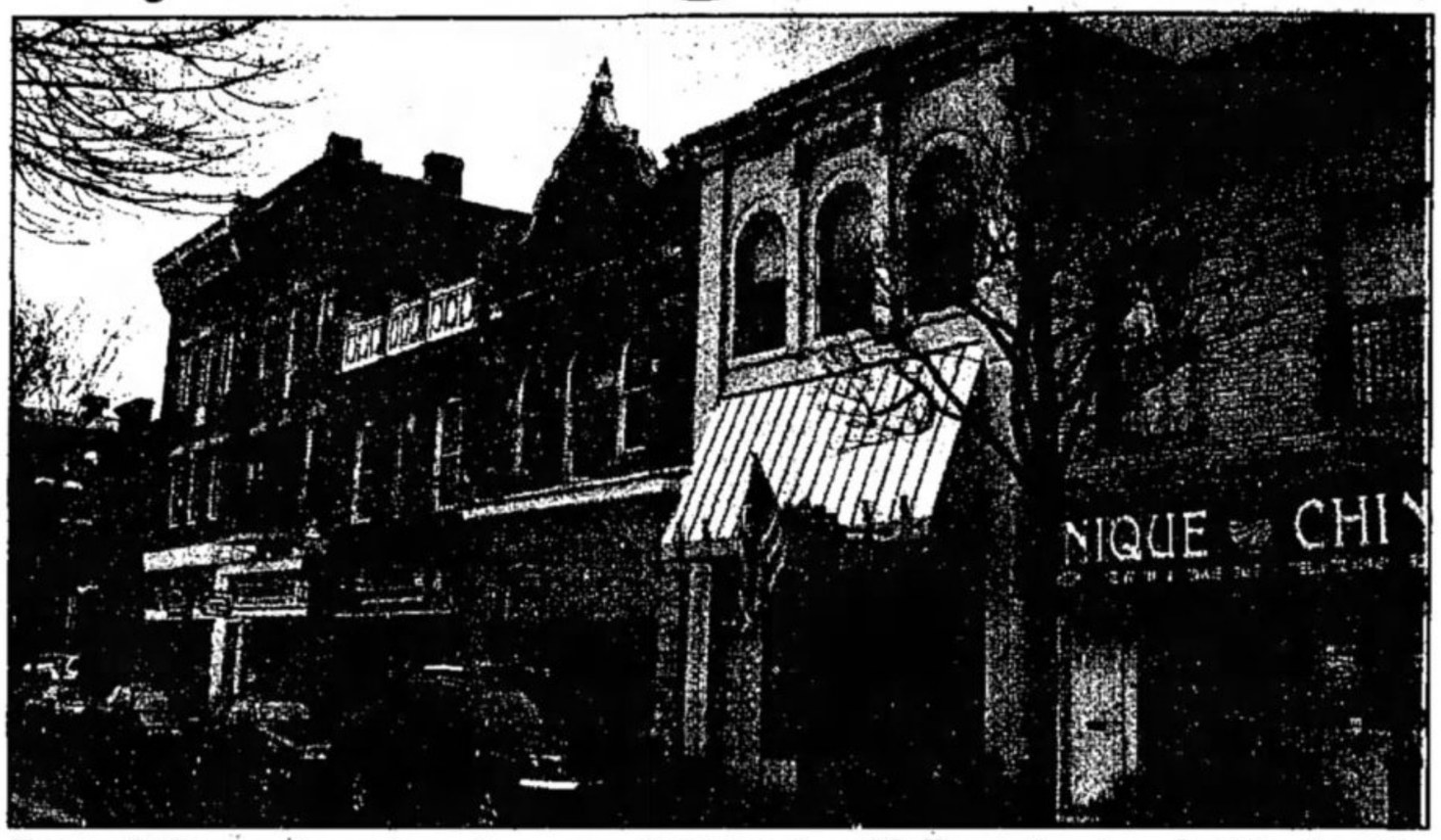

Turn of the century facades are preserved on McKean Avenue in Charleroi's Historic District.

The Society is an all volunteer, not-for-profit 501(c)3 business organization, currently located in a room at the John K. Tener Library.

During the past few years the Society has been sorting and preserving items of historical significance which have been secured from many sources during the past 34 years. Many hours of volunteer time have been spent in reviewing, cataloging, and preserving the thousands of items currently in the Society's possession.

In order for the general public to have the ability to view these historically significant items would require a location at street level for accessibility. Personnel would be required to ensure the safety of the items on display. Currently, the Society does not have the financial ability to provide such an arrangement. If the community desires such an established location, then the Society needs much more financial support to provide it.

The Society has also established a Genealogy & History Research Center at the Tener Library. There are two computers for research and subscribe to several on-line programs. The center can only be staffed when we have volunteers available.

The Society was very instrumental in getting most of the Borough of Charleroi designated officially as a Historic District and onto the National Register of Historic Places in the USA, a part of the Department of the Interior and National Parks system.

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McCorkle named Charleroi Rotary Student of the Month

Kerry McCorkle was named the Charleroi Rotary Club's Student of the Month for January 2008.

McCorkle is a senior at Charleroi Area High School.

For the past five years, Kerry has been a volunteer fireman with the Charleroi Fire Department.

McCorkle is working on obtaining an EMT certification and was recently accepted by the Jefferson Hills Ambulance Service as a volunteer.

He has been a member of the Charleroi Marching Band for six years, and is currently the drumline section leader.

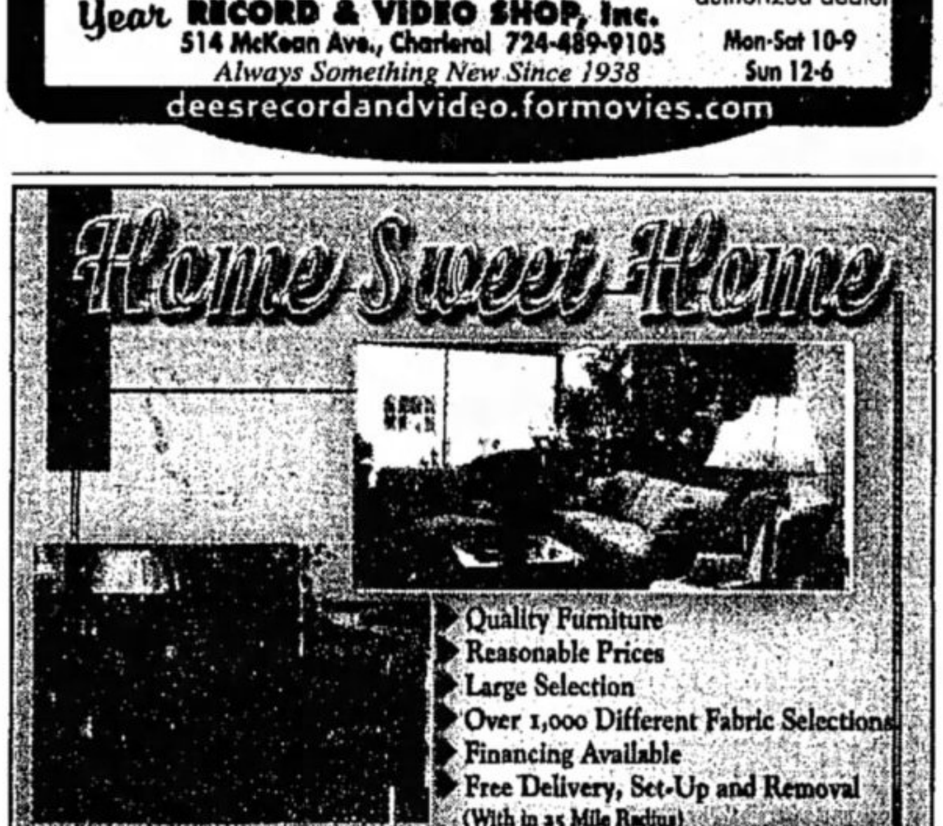
He became a member o the Tri-M Musical Honor Society during the 2006-07 school year and was voted president for the 2007-08 school year.

In addition, McCorkle was a member of the Charleroi Area swim team for three years.

His other activities include Audience of the Future, "Bye-Bye Birdie," Relay for Life, Special Olympics, Charleroi Fire Department softball, and Habitat for Humanity.

In addition to his Student of the Month honor, McCorkle is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" was a Hoby Student Ambassador for 2005-06 and was named Student of the Year for 2005-06.

McCorkle is the son of Janice and Kerry McCorkle, of Charleroi.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Gene & Boots receives honor

TEAM Charleroi's Design Committee will recognize a business every month in downtown Charleroi that has completed a significant property improvement project.

Gene & Boots Candies was recognized in February for its new colorful canopy that improves Fallowfield Avenue's streetscape.

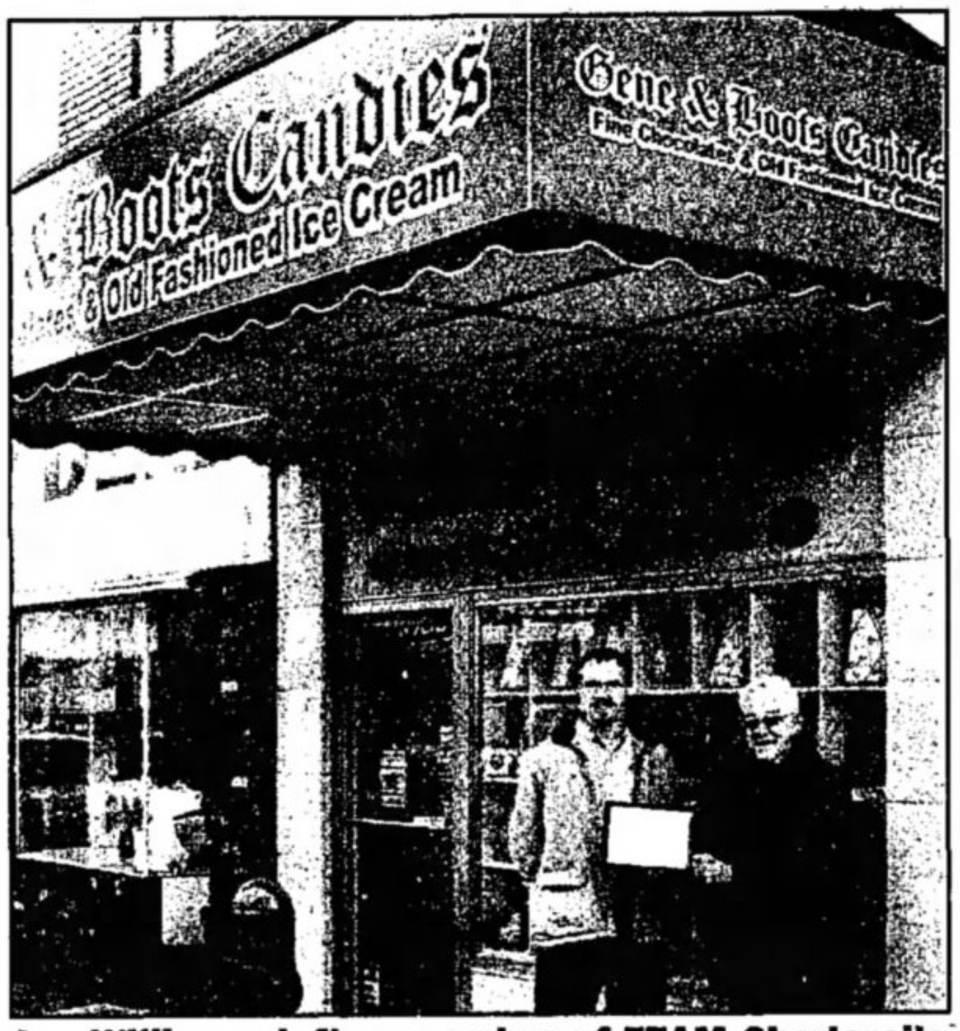
Bob Ferguson is the second generation owner. Bob's son, Eric Ferguson, is the current president. Gene & Boots has locations in Latrobe, Delmont, Charleroi, Perryopolis and Uniontown.

Serving Charleroi since 1930, Gene & Boots will now re-introduce old fashioned ice cream at their Fallowfield Location.

In May 1930 two friends from Connellsville who had just graduated from high school wanted to go into business together. Gene Madigan and his friend, whose nickname was "Boots," started the business.

They went to all the chambers of commerce in the area, and found Charleroi was the best business for retail per capita in the entire area. They found a rental beside the Coyle Theater and started to sell popcorn and salted peanuts, calling the business Gene & Boots.

Soon soft drinks, ice cream and sodas were added to the menu for moviegoers.



Joe Williams, left, a member of TEAM Charleroi's TEAM Executive Committee, presents the Property Improvement Award to Bob Ferguson, owner of Gene & Boots.

During the early years after Boots left for the service, Gene's parents joined in to help run the business.

Pop Madigan, found that a new product called chocolate bars were coming on the market. He tinkered with melting chocolate and covering what he made with brittle. He thought something like the Heath bar covered with chocolate would be tasty. He tried popcorn with no luck. He tried Spanish peanuts (very good). This brought all the chocolate-covered nuts. Next came chocolate-covered fruits and then soft centers. Soon the business was more than just supplying the theater traffic, it was following the seasons, such as Easter and Christmas, and Gene & Boots Candies became the all the rage in the Valley.

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Honors were recently presented to Charleroi firefighters for 2007. From left are Kyle Blystone, Junior Fire Chief; Ryan Waggoner, who received an award for 6 years of service as a junior fire fighter and now graduates to regular fire fighter status; Richard Moze, Fire Fighter of the Year; Andrew Popelas, Volunteer of the Year and Line Officer of the Year; and Rick Pudliner, Presidents Award.

What's new in Charleroi?

Vendors and organizations wanted for Charleroi Community Day

Vendors and organizations are needed for Charleroi Community Day, which is scheduled for Thursday, July 3.

Please access an application at www.ShopCharleroi.com to secure your booth for the day.

You can also call TEAM Charleroi at the Mon Valley Regional Chamber at (724) 483-3507.

Oops!

Last month's TEAM Charleroi insert incorrectly listed Dr. George Toohey as the owner of 419 Fallowfield Ave.

Don Ruschak is the owner and Dr. Toohey's business is located there.

Charleroi Historic District Resource Inventory available

A copy of the 2007 Resource Inventory of the Charleroi Historic District is currently available for review at the Mon Valley Regional Chamber office.

Girls' softball sign-ups under way

The Charleroi Girls Softball Association is currently taking sign-ups for the 2008 season.

Softball sign-ups are open to all girls ages 5-18 as of Jan. 1, 2008.

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TEAM Charleroi gets down to business

TEAM Charleroi Business and Community Alliance held its first quarterly meeting of year Jan. 17 at SPHS in Charleroi.

Chairman Tom McKnight opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their hard work during the past year. It was noted that the individual committees have been meeting regularly and working toward accomplishing some of the goals and objectives set forth during the summer visioning sessions.

Organization Committee – T. McKnight, Chairman

■ Elections were held for Executive Committee. New officers elected were Tom McKnight (McKnight Medical) chairman; Pam McCartney (Ductmate Industries), secretary; and Holly Mosco (Charleroi Federal Savings Bank), treasurer.

The remainder of the Executive Committee is: Deborah Buck (Audrey's Draperies), Cora Ducoeur (Oranges Gift Department Store), Milton Kubik (Community Park Trustees), Joe LaCarte (Model Cleaners and Uniform), Kevin Lee (Lee Supply), Terry Newstrom (Charleroi Borough), Theresa Paluso (Scale House Antiques), Joe Williams (Mon Valley Office Equipment), Jerry Zahand Sr. (Highway Appliance) and Tom Zimmerlink (Zimmerlink's Paint N More).

■ A TEAM operating Budget was approved for 2008.

■ An ad for TEAM Coordinator has been placed, taking applications for review.

■ A sponsorship program is being structured and will be offered to businesses at the beginning of the year.

Safety Committee – Dr. Ferko

■ Block watch is being set up for the Charleroi business district.

■ Safety concerns were discussed initiatives were suggested that could be used to improve safety in town.

Education Committee – Dr. Brad Ferko

■ Committee is meeting every month. Have discussed starting an apprenticeship program.

■ Partner with local businesses on field trips (Falling Water trip with Chester Engineers, Bodies exhibit with Mon Valley Hospital).

■ Discussion on current curriculum and need for college credit courses

Promotions Committee – C. Ducoeur

■ Last year went well – several events held and dates have been set for 2008 events.

■ The committee will concentrate on few larger events, such as Community Day. There was talk of a drum and bugle corps competition and will work in tandem with other committees such as the Little Great Race, Boomer-Palooza and the Mon Valley Home Show. These events bring thousands of people into the community.. Everyone is encouraged to check with www.shopcharleroi.com for all upcoming events on the community calendar.

Coyle Committee

■ The committee has applied for local share account from slots revenue. A grant from Pete Daley has helped to put a new roof on the theater.

Monthly Tabloid – D. Keefer

■ A reminder was issued that page count is determined by advertisers. Everyone was urged to take advantage of low-cost advertising. Positive news is being highlighted in this piece and it is important to keep the interest going. The Chamber takes a large over-run that is mailed to Chamber members and are placed in businesses.

Economic Restructuring/ Housing Options Committee – J. Zahand

■ 11 members on committee and attendance has been good

Have been given copy of historic designation inventory – will use this report for long range planning.

■ Danter Group study is being completed – hope to have presentation soon for TEAM.

■ Grant applied for River Room Event Center to be located at Chamber Plaza for the local share account of gaming money.

Design Committee – D. Buck

■ Clean up Day has been set for May 17, 2008.

■ New program beginning in February – "Business Improvement of the Month."

■ Will get certificate from TEAM and sign for display. Picture in tabloid.

■ The next Focus Group meeting scheduled for April 17 at 8:30 a.m. in SPHS Conference Room A.

Team meeting schedule for February

Promotions Committee
Feb. 4, 8:30 a.m. Chamber Building
Education Committee
Feb. 5, Charleroi Area Schools Administration Building
Economic Restructuring
Feb.5, 1:30 p.m., Chamber Building
TEAM Executive Committee
Feb. 7, 8 a.m., Chamber Building
Design Committee
Feb. 13, 8 a.m., Borough Building
Organization Meeting
Feb. 21, Noon, Chamber Building
Safety Committee
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"The MMVTA has launched this new initiative to provide students with an affordable and alternative means of transportation around the valley and to all the places we serve – including Downtown Pittsburgh," said Executive Director Valerie Kissell.

"We anticipate that the reduced fare for travel on our buses will entice students to take advantage of the transportation opportunities and become regular riders."

Under the student reduced fare program, students can enroll to receive a special pass.

When presented to the bus operator or at the Transit Center, the pass will entitle the student rider to half the regular fare and half price on all multi-ride tickets.

"As an educator and advocate of public transit, it is exciting to see the MMVTA launch a program that caters to those who are in the current education system. It is also exciting to see that we can now help get individuals seeking further education to better themselves and our communities to places at a reduced rate," said Chairman of the MMVTA Board Dr. Harry Miale.

For more information about the student reduced fare program visit www.mmvta.com, call (724) 489-0880 or visit the Transit Center in Charleroi.

Students in college, high school and other career training programs can receive reduced fares on all MMVTA routes.

New Executive Committee selected

At the January meeting of the Chamber Board of Directors, the Chamber's Executive Committee was chosen for 2008. Members are David Galloni, Charleroi Federal Savings Bank, Secretary; Attorney Richard Mudrick, Vice President; Armand Ferrara, Coldwell Banker/Tri-County Realty, President; Deb Keefer, Executive Director; Jerry Zahand, Highway Appliance, Member at Large; Milton Kubik, Treasurer.

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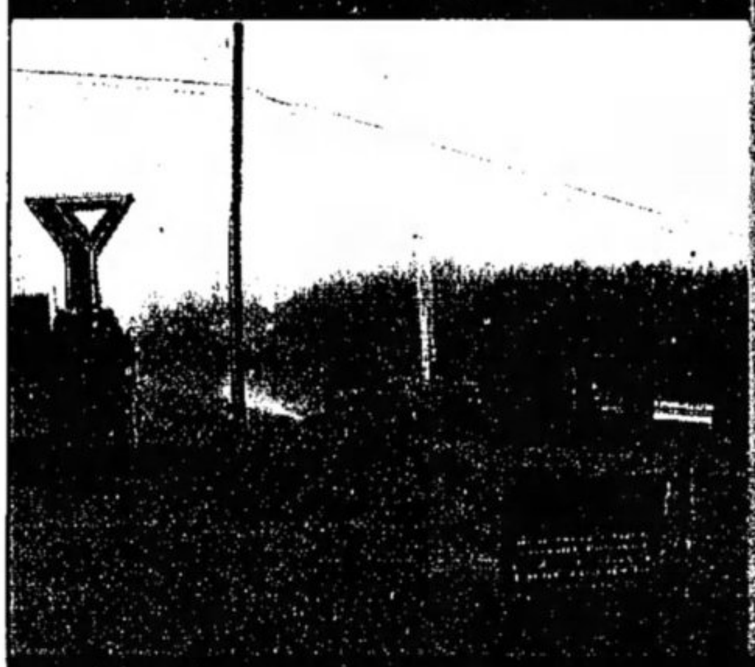

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Wills are cornerstones of estate planning. They appoint a representative when you die, appoints someone to take custody of your minor children; it can create a fund for your children that will be managed until they are able; and, of course, directs who is to receive your assets.

In the absence of a will, statutes direct the disposition of assets and the court will oversee the appointment of legal representatives for your estate and minor children.

A trust can be an effective way to do similar things that a will does, if you are willing to give up the title and control of your assets.

Instead of you owning your assets, the trustee becomes the owner. If you retain the right to control or receive any benefit from the trust, the assets are subject to inheritance tax the same as if you died without the trust.

Some unscrupulous people (lawyers included) "sell" trusts on the pretense that it will prevent inheritance taxes and avoid costs involved in administering your estate (probate). In most cases, they do not.

Probate and tax avoidance can only be achieved if you have assets re-titled, a sometimes expensive and cumbersome procedure, have given up all rights to the assets, and are not controlling the trust.

The best reason for trusts are for the protection of those who are not capable of handling large amounts of assets, such as minors, inexperienced, elderly, those with a debilitating illness, or keeping insurance policies from being subject to federal estate taxes. For a very small percentage of people, the use of trusts can be a valuable tool.

There are many varieties. For example, trusts created while you are living are intervivos and those created through your will are testamentary. The use and drafting of wills and trusts are unique to each person. Since there are so many legal and tax ramifications, it is best to consult with a lawyer and tax professional who are familiar with your situation, and skilled in planning your estate.

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